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Hardliners vow to stay

More than half of all Occupy tents dismantled ◗ Some will chain themselves to library yurt ◗ Premier Dalton McGuinty says the movement 'has been more successful than some folks might be prepared to recognize'

One day after a court-ordered end to the Occupy Toronto encampment at St. James Park, the movement was of multiple minds — as it often is.

While roughly half the protesters packed up their tents and set out to plan the next phase, others dug in to defy the eviction and defend the occupation.

Meanwhile, expectations of an imminent police raid continued to grow.

Toronto police refused to discuss their plans yesterday, but some media outlets were reporting that police planned to forcibly remove tents before dawn this morning.

Five protesters who have been living at the park "since Day 1" have chained themselves to the library yurt, which has been increasingly fortified with wooden planks and palettes since Justice David Brown ruled in favour of the city's eviction notice on Monday, ordering all tents and structures to be removed and the park to be vacated between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 5:30 a.m.

"Our plan is to stay here and to defend the knowledge that's collected here," said Masawe McCord-Franco, citing reports that NYPD officers had destroyed thousands of books when they evicted Occupy Wall Street last week.

"For me, I think the next step is to take on the justice system and let them arrest me if they have to."
TRANSGENDER-RIGHTS ACTIVIST STEFONKNEE WOLSCHT

McCord-Franco said he will resist arrest for as long as possible, but will do so "absolutely peacefully."

But while one yurt was being fortified, another was dismantled.

Laurie Miller, campaigns officer for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union — one of seven unions that pooled $20,000 to purchase the yurts to shelter the protesters through the winter — said they were taking the insulated structure down to protect it. "We don't want it to be bulldozed when the police come in," she said.

There were less than 100 tents and structures in the park yesterday afternoon, compared to about 219 last week.

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▶ Occupy Toronto protesters march along King Street from St. James Park to Nathan Phillips Square yesterday.

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Luxury leaf collection service spared

Right about now, the curbsides on Mayor Rob Ford's leafy Etobicoke street are being swept clean by city workers manning mechanical leaf collection machines.

It's a luxury service that only a small portion of the city — central Etobicoke and pockets of Scarborough — receives. And it comes with a hefty price tag: About $500,000 annually.

But even in this day of deep cuts and gravy draining at city hall, the leaf collection program has survived.

It will not be on the chopping block next week when city manager Joe Pennachetti presents his final bare-bones budget to council for consideration, a budget expected to slash museums, library hours and environmental initiatives, among other things.

Six weeks

- The mechanical leaf collection program operates for about six weeks each year, from around October until early December.

In fact, mechanical leaf collection never came up in the KPMG service review — although the consulting firm did look at it.

"I don't know this, but I suspect the reason is that in the initial meetings with KPMG I'm sure staff warned them, 'Don't even bother with seasonal programs like leaf collection or windrow...'" said Coun. Shelley Carroll, a former budget chief.

Etobicoke has enjoyed the service since well before amalgamation, similar to how North York residents had special windrow snow clearing.

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G20 accused cheer plea deal

Charges dropped against 11 people characterized as ringleaders in tumultuous June 2010 protests

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▶ Syed Hussan, wearing glasses, and four others who were arrested during the G20 event are honoured by Occupy Toronto with a cake that reads "Freedom is a gift fought for, not given."

Hours after charges against them were dropped, a group of G20 defendants celebrated by heading to St. James Park to join the Occupy Toronto protesters and became politically active for the first time in 17 months.

Five G20 activists, led by Syed Hussan, walked into the park gazebo and took a microphone.

"I spent the last months first watching Tahrir (in Egypt) … Greece and then the Occupy movement," said Hussan.

He then asked the crowd of about 300 people to repeat the names of the six G20 ringleaders who had earlier pleaded guilty in court.

Standing behind him were fellow G20 activists Patrick Cadorette, Paul Sauder, Monica Peters and David Prychitka. Sterling Stutz, whose charges were also dropped.

They then marched to City Hall with the Occupy Toronto protesters.

"It was an absurd exercise of government power, in my view."

LAWYER PETER ROSENTHAL, WHOSE CLIENT, PATRICK CADORETTE, WAS AMONG THE 11 WHO HAD CHARGES DROPPED

Earlier in the day, the mood in court was jovial as the so-called Toronto G20 mayhem ringleaders pleaded guilty to counselling others to commit mischief, 17 months after their arrests.

Alex Hundert, 31, Amanda Hiscocks, 37, Leah Henderson, 27, Peter Hopperton, 25, Erik Lankin, 24, and Adam Lewis, 23, entered their pleas watched by dozens of family members and supporters.

Hundert and Hiscocks pleaded guilty to the additional charge of counselling to obstruct a peace officer.

The courtroom was later taken over by Justice Gerald Lapkin, in front of whom prosecutor Jason Miller announced the Crown was dropping charges against 11 accused. They are Hussan, 27, Cadorette, Sauder, 27, Stutz, 21, Prychitka, 27, Peters, 27, Meghan Lankin, 22, William Van Driel, 27, Joanna Adamiak, 30, Julia Kerr, 28, and Terrance Luscombe, 25.

The mood was both celebratory and defiant outside the courthouse, where supporters beat drums and held signs like "If you won't let us dream, we won't let you sleep," and "Fear is a prison, love is a bulldozer." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City plans permit fees for community ovens

Toronto is poised to start charging a permit fee for neighbourhood groups to use outdoor ovens in city parks that were built and operate with volunteer labour and cash.

In recommending fees be charged, council's parks and environment committee tried to soften the blow by noting that groups can seek to have the tab either reduced or forgiven altogether.

The proposed fee for a group up to 25 people to use the baking oven for a day is modest at $53, of which $27 is for insurance.

But the premise is flawed, said Jutta Mason, who spearheaded the development of Dufferin Grove Park's oven.

"It's an insult," Mason said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

Cops seek sex assault suspect

BUS ATTACK. Toronto police are seeking a suspect after a teenage girl reported being sexually assaulted on a transit bus.

Police say it happened Nov. 14 while a 16-year-old girl was on a bus in the Steeles Avenue East and Don Mills Road area.

Investigators say the suspect got off the bus at the Finch subway station.

The man is described as white, about 40 years old, six foot two, with grey-blond hair in a buzz cut style.

He was wearing acid-stained, denim jeans, an acid-stained denim jacket and a baseball cap.

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Nickelback makes light of a petition against their upcoming halftime performance at a Detroit Lions game.

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Defying. Gravity

▶ A performer holds her pose in a gravity-defying hand balancing act to help promote Cirque du Soleil's Quidam, playing Toronto from Dec. 20-30 at Ricoh Coliseum.

Cirque's Quidam coming to Toronto

Cirque du Solei's entire Quidam show is imagined by a bored young girl named Zoé. Her parents, distant and apathetic, ignore her. Her life has lost all meaning. Seeking to fill the void of her existence, she slides into an imaginary world — the world of Quidam. Quidam refers to a nameless passerby, a solitary figure lingering on a street corner, a person rushing past. For more information, go to cirquedusoleil.com.

Liberal platform basis of throne speech

Promises by provincial Grits not to raise taxes or cut health care repeated in speech Curbing government spending so Ontario can stay on track to eliminate a $16-billion deficit by 2017-18 also touched upon

The Opposition vowed to vote against the minority Liberal government's throne speech yesterday just minutes after the start of the first session of the Ontario legislature since the Oct. 6 election.

The throne speech repeated Liberal campaign promises to introduce a $1,500 home renovation tax credit for seniors, cut college and university tuition fees by 30 per cent starting Jan. 1, and move toward all-day GO train commuter service in the Golden Horseshoe.

However, the 12-page speech did not address the Tories' two biggest concerns, jobs and "runaway" government spending.

"There were no new ideas," complained Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak.

"I'm deeply disappointed, so we cannot support this throne speech."

The speech, read by Lt.-Gov. David Onley, said the Liberals would govern based on ideas they put forward during the fall campaign, and spoke about the "four-year mandate" they were given.

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▶ Lt.-Gov. David Onley delivers the throne speech yesterday.

Premier Dalton McGuinty said the Liberals were open to ideas from the opposition parties, but added the government felt its proposals were better than anything put forward by the Tories or NDP. "There are at least three or four passages that I insisted be in there that speak of the need for us to work together," he told reporters.

"I'm absolutely convinced that we are going to find opportunities to ensure that the opposition sees themselves reflected in initiatives that we bring forward as a government."

The last thing voters want to see is partisan games at the legislature, said NDP Leader Andrea Howath as she vowed to take the Liberals up on their promise to work with the opposition parties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Egypt's military chief vows fast transition

Prepared to hold referendum on transferring power to civilian authority ◗ Protesters tell him leave now

Egypt's military leader promised to speed the transition to civilian rule, saying yesterday that presidential elections will be held by the end of June 2012.

But the major concession was immediately rejected by tens of thousands of protesters in Cairo's Tahrir Square, who responded with chants of "Leave, leave".

Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi vowed that landmark parliamentary elections will start on schedule on Monday, the first vote since longtime authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak was ousted in an uprising nine months ago.

And he said the military was prepared to hold a referendum on immediately transferring power to a civilian authority if people demand it.

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▶ Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi

Tantawi said he has accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Essam Sharaf's civilian government, and politicians who attended a five-hour crisis meeting with the ruling generals said the military intended to replace Sharaf's cabinet with a "national salvation" government.

It was not clear who might head the new Cabinet, but names of a couple of presidential hopefuls were mentioned.

"Our demands are clear," said Khaled El-Sayed, a protester from the Youth Revolution Coalition and a candidate in the upcoming parliamentary election. "We want the military council to step down and hand over authority to a national salvation government with full authority."

He also demanded that the commander of the military police and the Interior Minister, who is in charge of the police, be tried for the "horrific crimes" of the past few days, when 29 people were killed in clashes, most of them in Cairo.

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Safe. Landing

▶ Russia's space agency ground personnel carry Russian cosmonaut Sergei Volkov shortly after landing in the Soyuz TMA-02 capsule near the town of Arkalyk in northern Kazakhstan yesterday.

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Astronauts return from space station

Three astronauts, including U.S. astronaut Mike Fossum, Japan's Satoshi Furukawa and Russia's Sergei Volkov, landed safely yesterday in the Kazakh steppe aboard a Russian Soyuz capsule after a stay of over five months aboard the International Space Station.

Growing opposition to Syrian regime

A key UN committee voted overwhelmingly yesterday to condemn human rights violations by President Bashar Assad's government and call for an immediate end to all violence, signalling growing international opposition to Syria's eight-month crackdown on civilians.

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The Bachelor insightful on behaviour: Study

A study suggests the catty behaviour seen on the popular reality TV show The Bachelor is pretty close to the truth.

A University of Ottawa professor says her study — published in the journal Aggressive Behaviour — confirms that most women use aggression against sexual rivals.

Tracy Vaillancourt's research took a look at how females compete with one another for the attention of males.

Her study suggests The Bachelor provides insight into the tactics women use to compete and shows how vying for the affections of an eligible man can bring out the worst in women.

Such tactics can include gossiping about a rival's level of promiscuity or disparaging her appearance, so as to reduce her "mate value."

Vaillancourt's study suggests that this type of behaviour is not only a TV phenomenon, but also a reality in schools and workplaces.

Researchers conducted two experiments to examine the phenomenon.

In the first, women were paired with a friend or stranger and randomly placed in one of two situations. One involved an attractive female peer who was dressed in a sexy outfit and the other was the same peer, dressed conservatively.

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▶ Bachelor Jake Pavelka presents a ring to Vienna Girald.

In both situations, participants were secretly videotaped to capture their reactions. Meanwhile, other women were asked to rate each participant's reaction in terms of aggression.

"We asked women who knew nothing about the context or reason for the person's reaction to rate how 'bitchy' (or not) they thought she was being," Vaillancourt said.

Results showed that almost all women were aggressive toward the attractive female who was dressed in a sexually provocative manner.

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▶ Sokly Tum, then 16, stands near a pile of skulls near a killing field near Battambang, Cambodia, in 1999.

The No. 2 leader in the Khmer Rouge regime accused of orchestrating Cambodia's "killing fields" in the 1970s insisted yesterday that he carried out its policies for the sake of the country and to protect it from invaders.

Nuon Chea did not directly respond to the horrors described by prosecutors at a UN-backed tribunal, and instead gave a history of the Khmer Rouge and Cambodia, insisting his role was patriotic and blaming neighbouring Vietnam for much of the country's troubles.

"I had to leave my family behind to liberate my motherland from colonialism and aggression and oppression by the thieves who wish to steal our land and wipe Cambodia off the face of the earth," Nuon Chea said in his first public comments at the trial, which began Monday.

"We wanted to free Cambodia from being a servant of other countries and we wanted to build Cambodia as a society that is clean and independent."

The tribunal has charged the three most senior surviving members of the regime — Nuon Chea, 85; former head of state Khieu Samphan, 80; and former foreign minister Ieng Sary, 86 — with crimes against humanity, genocide, religious persecution, homicide and torture. All claim innocence.

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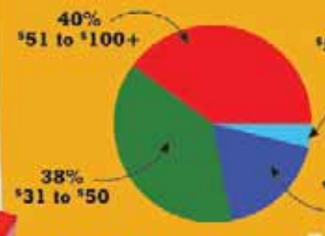

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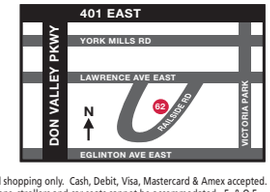

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Phone hackers duped top model

Macpherson blamed aide for leaks, inquiry told

Supermodel Elle Macpherson fired her business adviser for leaking secrets.

But unknown to Macpherson, it was journalists who were getting juicy details about her by hacking into her phone, the former business adviser told a British inquiry into media ethics yesterday.

Mary-Ellen Field described how she lost both her job for Macpherson and one at an advisory firm because of the supermodel's unfounded suspicions — a double-blow that was all the more serious because she was in poor health.

"It had a very serious effect," she told the inquiry.

"I had become ill and was falling down all the time." She didn't identify her illness.

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▶ Mary-Ellen Field

Field was one of several victims of press intrusion testifying at Britain's Royal Courts of Justice.

Field said her relationship with Macpherson was once close, but it fell apart after the model's intimate secrets began appearing in the press in 2005.

The supermodel became convinced that Field, a fellow Australian, was an alcoholic and ordered her to go to a rehabilitation clinic in the U.S.

The inquiry was set up by British Prime Minister David Cameron after the scandal over phone hacking and other underhanded tactics used at the News of the World.

The Sunday newspaper was closed by media mogul Rupert Murdoch in July.

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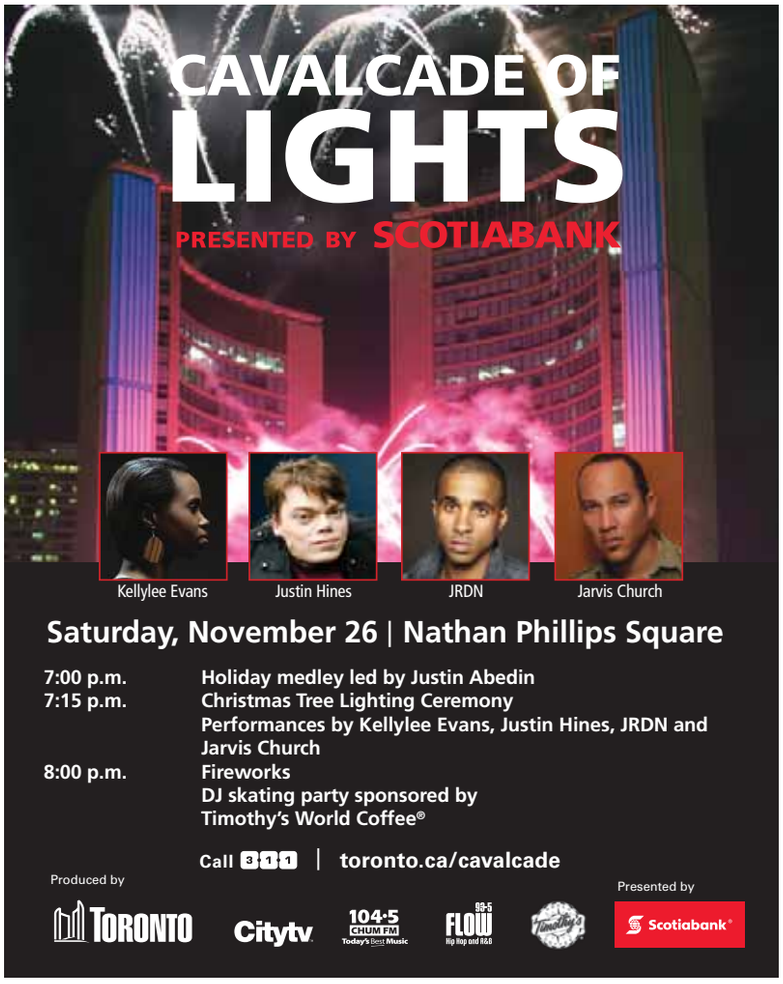

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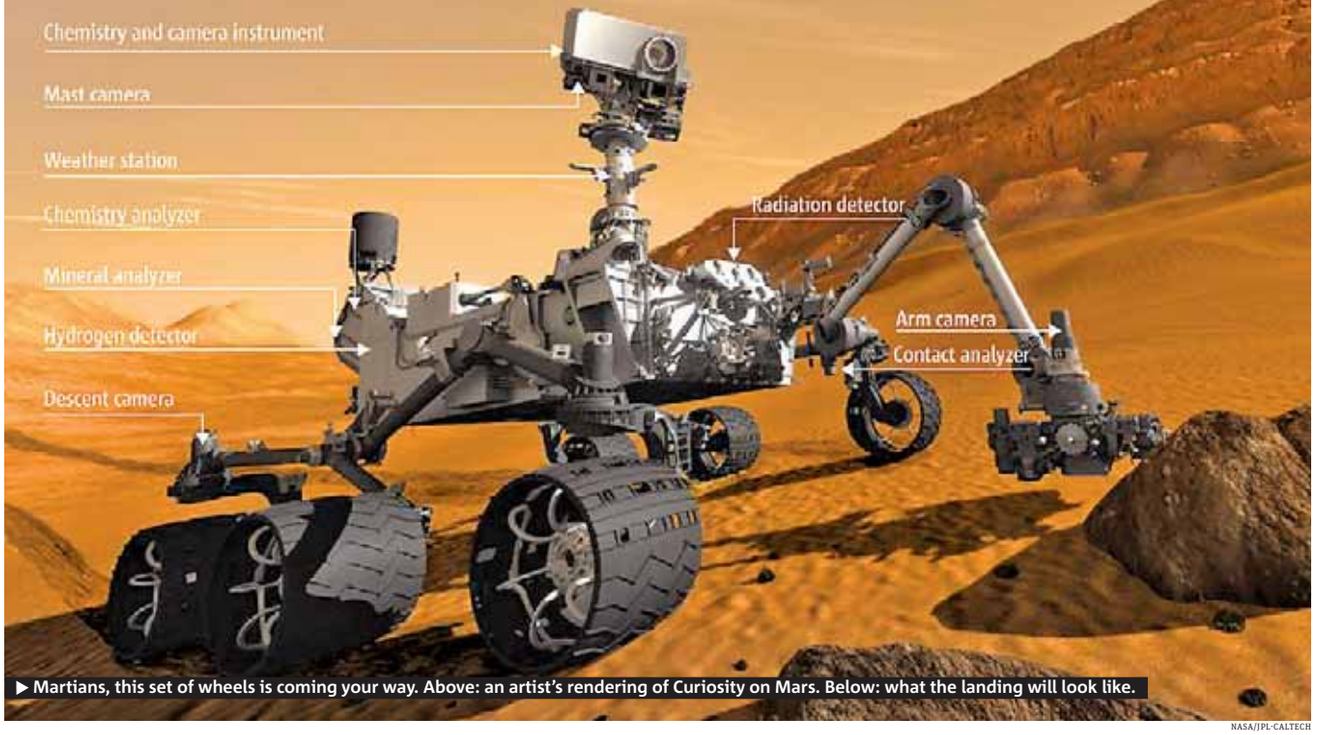
Mars had water once. Soon it will have a high-tech lab, too On Friday, NASA launches a pioneering Mars rover into space Directed from Earth, it will explore Mars, collect samples from the environment and feed the information back And it may discover that we're not the only life in the cosmos

Curiosity goes to Mars



▶ Martians, this set of wheels is coming your way. Above: an artist's rendering of Curiosity on Mars. Below: what the landing will look like.

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This mission really is going to Mars. On Friday, NASA is sending an entire laboratory to the red planet. The lab, named Curiosity, will investigate rocks and soil and take pictures. It will also look for water and signs of life.

"Curiosity is like a robotic geologist," says Jordan Evans, deputy manager of the mission. "It's a lab that also brings its own tools. It has a scoop, a drill and a sieve so it can collect samples. Then it feeds the samples into the lab, which analyzes them."

Curiosity also has cameras that will record everything and a weather station that will measure everything from humidity to air pressure.

NASA has sent rovers to Mars before, but Curiosity is the first to carry a lab. "It will document what Mars was like early on, which it will do by examining the layers of rock on a mountain," says Dr. Joy Crisp, deputy project scientist for NASA's Mars Science Laboratory project. "And it will examine what it's like today. We'll gain more knowledge about the conditions for future human habitation on Mars."

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NASA SCIENTIST JOY CRISP

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At NASA's Jet Propulsion Center in California, scientists will be monitoring Curiosity during its stay on the red planet. "It can communicate with Earth through satellites," Evans says. "Each day the NASA team will look at the results and decide what Curiosity should do the next day." If something goes wrong, the rover can reboot and even use alternative tools if one set fails.

After one Mars year — 98 weeks — Curiosity will permanently park itself on the planet. "Of course its immediate purpose is scientific discovery," Crisp says. "But by sending beautiful images from Mars we can encourage people to go into science. That's a very important purpose, too, because science and technology are crucial to our future prosperity."

60 seconds

▶ Chris Welch

'LIFE IN SPACE IS A SERIOUS QUESTION'

Dr. Chris Welch is programs director of the International Space University.

What's the real purpose of the Mars science lab?
The science lab won't specifically look for life on Mars, but will be exploring a part of the planet where there was water in the past. Its investigations will help us understand whether there has ever been life on Mars. These findings will influence future Mars missions.

The space shuttle has just been retired. Does this Mars mission present a new direction for space travel?
No. There have been Mars missions for many years, but initially they were very small. The first rovers were no bigger than a fridge, while Curiosity is a large laboratory.

Are scientists really interested in exploring life in space, or are they doing it because the public is curious?
The question whether there is life somewhere else is a fundamental one in the space community. Mars is the most likely planet to host life, so that's why Mars missions are so important.

ELISABETH BRAW

How they built it

Since it carries a large lab, Curiosity is much bigger than previous Mars rovers. "Because of its size, it requires a larger rocket," says deputy mission manager Jordan Evans. "But it couldn't be too big, since we had to fly it to Florida in an airplane. In the end we had five centimetres to spare in the plane." Evans' team also had to invent larger landing pads. And since Curiosity will be alone in space, everything has been simulated in advance. "To measure the impact of the landing we simulated it by hanging Curiosity from a crane," Evans says.

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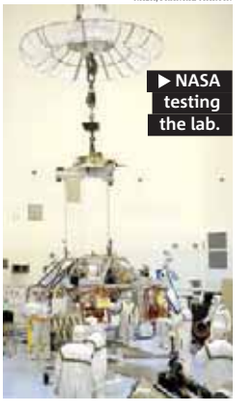

▶ NASA testing the lab.

What's the red planet like?

- **It's about 1.5 times farther** from the sun than Earth is.
- **Its surface is akin to a cold** rocky desert.
- **The length of its day is 24** hours, 39 minutes, 35 seconds. NASA scientists have to lengthen their workday by 39 minutes.
- **It revolves around the sun** every 687 Earth days. One Mars year is approximately two Earth years.
- **It has two irregularly** shaped moons, each several kilometres wide. The larger moon is named Phobos ("fear"); the smaller one is Deimos ("terror").

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How much will make you happy?

Does money equal happiness? It's an age old question.

In a study published in the Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences, Princeton University researchers found that what's behind people's happiness are two things — emotional well-being and life evaluation.

They found that while life evaluation rose steadily with annual income, the quality of the respondents' everyday experiences did not improve beyond a $75,000 salary a year.

Responses from 450,000 Americans who participated in the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index were analyzed between 2008 and 2009. Interestingly, Canada scored even higher than the U.S. when it came to comparing life evaluation scores.

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Missing man 3rd Craigslist victim?

Two graves, one body found Purported job site is a former strip mine

A man missing since Nov. 13 had answered a Craigslist help-wanted ad that police said was actually a deadly scheme to lure people to a nonexistent farm job so they could be robbed, his family said.

Timothy Kern's father, Jack Kern, called the outlook "pretty grim" and the missing man's son said Kern had been murdered. The missing man, who would be the scheme's third known victim, had called the job offer "strange" on Facebook.

▶ Timothy Kern

Two people are in custody, but law enforcement officials have released few details because of a gag order.

Timothy Kern was promised $300 a week, a trailer and a truck for the job near Caldwell where there would be no cellphone or Internet service, Jack Kern said. He said his son was excited about the job because of the chance of bettering his life. He added his son was rarely out of touch and often texted and called family members.

One man who replied to the bogus ad was found dead last week. Another said he escaped after being shot on Nov. 6, giving police a similar account of a farm job, saying he was going to build fences.

Before a judge issued a gag order, the Noble County sheriff said it was unclear how long the ad had been online or whether there were other victims.

The FBI said Kern's disappearance might be linked to the farm-job robbery scheme. A FBI spokesman wouldn't confirm it was a Craigslist ad or the type of job Kern was seeking.

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More claim to be fake doc's patients

Woman who injected buttocks with cement may be part of underground plastic surgery ring, authorities say

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▶ Oneal Ron Morris

Several possible victims have come forward alleging a woman posing as a Florida doctor and promising buttocks enhancement pumped their behinds with a toxic concoction of cement, superglue and flat-tire sealant, state health officials said yesterday.

Oneal Ron Morris — who police say was born a man and identifies as a woman — was arrested Friday after nearly a year of being sought and charged with practicing medicine without a licence with serious bodily injury. Authorities say a victim, who was looking to get a job at a nightclub and wanted a curvier figure, paid Morris $700 for the injections in 2010. Morris allegedly used some type of tubing and inserted the toxic chemicals into her backside during a painful procedure.

The victim, who is not being identified due to medical privacy laws, suffered permanent scarring around the injection sites. Shortly after the surgery, she went to the hospital, but left because she was too embarrassed to tell doctors about the procedure. The victim required multiple surgeries and had a 24-hour home health aide for an extended period of time, according to a statement from the Department of Health.

State health officials said yesterday that several possible victims have since come forward alleging Morris performed similar procedures resulting in life-threatening injuries.

The 30-year-old Morris has since been released from jail on a bond.

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Shoppers open their wallets

September sales best since November 2010 Fuels speculation economy will show solid summer growth

Canadian consumers appeared to ignore stock market turmoil and spent on cars, electronics and other goods in September, giving retail sales their strongest boost in nearly a year.

Retail sales rose one per cent to $38.2 billion during the month, Statistics Canada reported yesterday, with sales growth at most store types. It was the fifth increase in six months and also reflected a better-than-expected back-to-school shopping season.

The gains were powered by motor-vehicle and parts dealers, which were up 2.8 per cent, while sales at new-car dealers were up 3.7 per cent, accounting for most of the gain.

Excluding gas and motor-vehicle sales, retail sales were up 0.4 per cent.

Statistics Canada said sales by volume rose 0.6 per cent. Nine of 11 subsectors reported gains, representing 90 per cent of retail sales.

Retail sales increased in all provinces in September. Nova Scotia (up 2.4 per cent) reported the largest percentage sales increase.

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▶ Lee Gancman shows the app for swearing in 45 languages he developed on an iPhone 4.

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@#$%^&! An app for that?

The Swearport app allows you to pick up swear words in more than 45 languages, using clips recorded from native speakers. Gancman says the app is No. 1 on iTunes Entertainment and No. 5 in overall sales. Go to swearport.com for more info.

Italians don't like sacrifices

Ninety-three per cent of Italians believe cutting the public debt is a top priority, but only a quarter are willing to reform labour laws to make it easier to fire workers, or raise the retirement age to curb public spending and boost economic growth, an AP-GfK poll found.

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No more six degrees of separation: Study

Facebook research finds its users only three or four connections from each other in any single country

Are there six degrees of separation between every human being on the planet? Forget about it.

It's more like four or five, according to new research from Facebook.

The social networking site rummaged through the interpersonal links between 721 million of its users, discovering that we're closer to our neighbours than we think.

With the help of a team of researchers from a university in Milan, Italy, Facebook reported Monday night that the number of "hops" that connect you to me is not six, as originally proposed by a study carried out in the 1960s, but only five — 4.74, to be exact.

Tidbits

Three interesting findings from the study:

- The average person has 190 Facebook friends
- Reflecting a long-known skew in the real world, 84 per cent of people think their friends have more friends than they do.
- People tend to have friends their own age, whether they are 20 or 60 years old.

The notion of it only taking six hops to link any one person to another originated in a 1929 short story by Hungarian writer Frigyes Karinthy, and was made popular in the play-turned-Hollywood movie, Six Degrees of Separation.

Analyzing the data of 721 million people means that the Facebook study was able to survey approximately 10 per cent of the world's population — representing 69 billion virtual friendships.

Researchers found that, by concentrating on interpersonal links exclusively within one country, such as the United States or Italy, the number of hops between people went down to three.

"In our study, we found that 84 per cent of all connections are between users in the same country," wrote the Facebook data team.

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WATCH YOURSELF, NOW EVERYONE ELSE CAN TOO

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

There was a time that if you wanted to stand naked on your patio, only the guy with the binoculars across the street would catch you in the act.

These days, thanks to Google Street View, everyone gets to look.

Just ask the woman in Miami who today finds that her naked foray onto her back stoop, captured by a passing Google Street View camera, yields more than two million results on the search engine of the same name.

Google Street View is supposed to be a helpful way for you to see your destination as it really looks, as opposed to a pointy B pin on a map. It is not supposed to offer a panorama of human folly, such as the casually careless naked lady, or the equally naked guy in Germany climbing out of the trunk of his car, or the guy walking his snake down the street, or various Brits mooning the passing camera, or the two Norwegian scuba divers running down the street on flippers, complete with tridents. (Why *did* the scuba divers cross the road?)

As the Street View cameras capture every square millimetre of the planet and resolution improves, it's only going to get worse. Or better, if you like to watch.

"It's not just that Big Brother is watching ... It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well."

Google is self-correcting, and as soon as it learned about its naked-lady problem, it turned her into a pixelated blur, but only after the photos of the poor women spread across the Internet like the bird flu.

What do we expect when we combine the Internet with the latest surveillance technology? Google Street View has the potential to turn us all into everyday fugitives from scrutiny, trapped in a high-res corner with nowhere to hide.

It's not just that Big Brother is watching, although you know he is. It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well.

Of course, not everyone sees that as a bad thing, such as the guy who found Google Street View to be an ideal way to expose himself to anyone who happened upon his sad, little — with an emphasis on little — sector of the galaxy.

For the rest of us, it's bad enough we have to wear clean underwear every day in case we get hit by a bus and have to be undressed by medical personnel. Now we also have to make sure, no matter where we are, to remember to wear clothes and, while we're at it, keep the nose mining to a minimum.

And smile, dammit.

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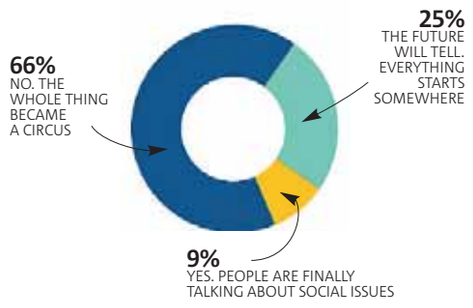

Local tweets

- **@TTCnotices:** There is no train service, Eglinton to Union due to a power off situation at Davisville/signal problems at Bloor. Shuttle buses ordered #TTC
- **@KarolynCoorsh:** I wonder how many profanity laced calls/tweets/emails @TTCnotices #ttc gets on a night like this.
- **@jamesarmstrong7:** Maybe if we protest. #ttc buses will come on time. #occupyttc
- **@simonaharonian:** Avoid eye contact @ all costs. #TTC
- **@kelkord:** The person on this bus who smelled like cheddar cheese Combos has left, but the aroma is still with us. #TTC
- **@jasonmerling:** Big thx to #TTC 4 helping me after being mugged 4 my iPad @bradTTC #TTCchair I'm gonna stop complaining about #TTC totally 100% redeemed
- **@CatherineChen82:** a harpist + a fiddler = a beautiful morning in the #TTC
- **@jeannietsang:** @CatherineChen82 Sounds like the complete opposite of my #TTC experience this evening!

Worth mentioning

DRIVING HIV TESTS HOME. At one office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Washington, D.C., motorists can get a driver's licence, temporary road-tax stickers and something wholly unrelated to the road: A free HIV test.

In a city with one of the highest percentages of residents living with HIV or AIDS, health officials have now test-driven the in-DMV testing and are finding that it works. So far, more than 5,000 people have been screened and received results while they wait.

"You have to meet people where they are," explained Sheila Brockington, who oversees HIV testing at the DMV office.

Initially, some officials doubted many people would test. Now, however, between 25 and 35 people get tested every day at the DMV location. Anyone who agrees gets $7 off their bill.

By now, the people who run the program have their pitch down. When people are in line, one of the testers approaches with the offer: Free tests, money off your bill and the promise that it won't hurt.

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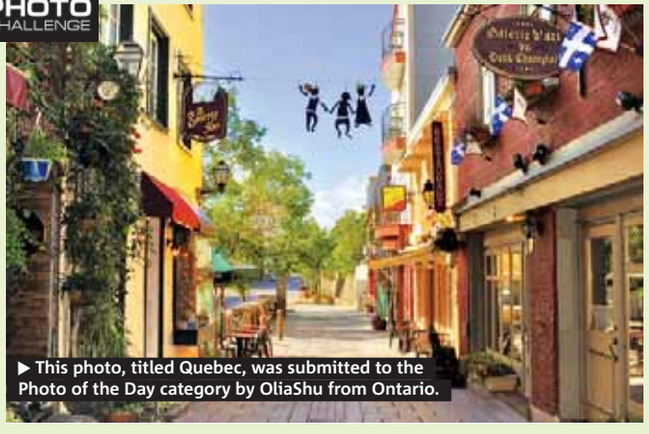

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WEIRD NEWS

Art in the pigsty of the beholder

Live graffiti painting. A colossal rose bed soaring 20 feet high. Early photos of Andy Warhol, a Picasso up for auction and a naked woman living in a pigpen. They're all part of the lineup for Art Basel Miami Beach, which runs Dec. 1-4, with a host of related events beginning Nov. 30.

The pigpen installation will undoubtedly be the most jaw-dropping event at the art fair. Known for photographing herself nude in subway tunnels or in front of graffiti walls, performance artist Miru Kim will be living with pigs for her performance The Pig That Therefore I Am.

"The immediate connection between pigs and me will be felt through seeing the living bodies mingle through skin," Kim told The Associated Press. A glass barrier will act as "an insatiable gap between the spectacle and the onlooker, just like in a zoo."

The pigpen installation will be among the shows at the Primary Flight open air museum. "Some people are really going to love it. Some are going to be shocked. And a handful won't really get it," said Primary Flight founder Books Bischof.

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The orphan adoption

Martin Scorsese is the latest director to make a movie about a child with no parents
Richard Crouse takes a look at Hugo and why orphans tug on our heartstrings

IN FOCUS

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The new Martin Scorsese film is the director's first PG rated film in 18 years. Hugo is a handsome 3D kid's flick featuring adventure, a broken robot, a toy store owner and one of the mainstays of central casting — an orphan.

There are all kinds of on-screen orphans, some lovable — The Jungle Book's Mowgli, Harry Potter — some not — Hannibal Lecter, Darth Vader — but few have been as memorable as Oliver Twist.

The youngster first captured people's imaginations 173 years ago as the title character in Charles Dickens's second book and debuted on film in 1908.

Since then there have been at least eleven adaptations of the story of an urchin who famously asked his cruel workhouse foreman for more gruel with the words, "Please sir, I want some more."

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▶ Asa Butterfield, left, plays Hugo Cabret and Chloë Grace Moretz plays Isabelle in Hugo.

The most famous version of the story has to be Oliver!, a splashy 1968 all-singing all-dancing edition, which film critic Pauline Kael said was one of the few film adaptations of a stage musical superior to the original stage show.

Oliver had it rough. Much rougher than Little Orphan Annie, the perky red-haired waif adopted by the über-wealthy Daddy Warbucks, but for the actress who played her in the 1982 movie Annie there were some unpleasant moments.

The curly red wig Aileen Quinn wore was so itchy that a specially designed comb had to be created to give her some relief, and in order to get Annie's dog Sandy to realistically kiss her the prop master rubbed Alpo all over her face.

Still, Quinn says, "I just remember having the best time."

Unlike our next orphans, Oliver and Annie were decidedly earthbound ragamuffins, but the movies have seen lots of alien children abandoned on our planet.

In Escape to Witch Mountain, Tony and Tia Malone's psychic abilities made them standouts at the orphanage and the moniker Clark Kent was the name his human adoptive parent's gave to Kal-El. You know him best as Superman.

Superman wasn't the only superhero orphan, however.

The death of Bruce Wayne's parents at the hand of the Joker prompted him to become the Caped Crusader. "You made me," he grumbles to the parent's killer in Batman.

Finally, Peter Parker's parents were Richard and Mary, CIA agents killed in the line of duty.

Rumour has it they will appear in the 2012 reboot, The Amazing Spider-Man, played by Campbell Scott and Embeth Davidtz.

Putting Street Legal to the test

Stage Notes

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Legendary Canadian actors Sonja Smits and Eric Peterson have reunited at the Canadian Stage Company's Berkeley Street Theatre for the English-language world premiere of The Test, a dark comedy written by Swish playwright Lukas Bärfuss.

While Smits and Peterson are fondly remembered from their days on the hit Canadian TV show Street Legal, their characters in The Test, an egotistical politician and his aloof wife, will probably not be as treasured.

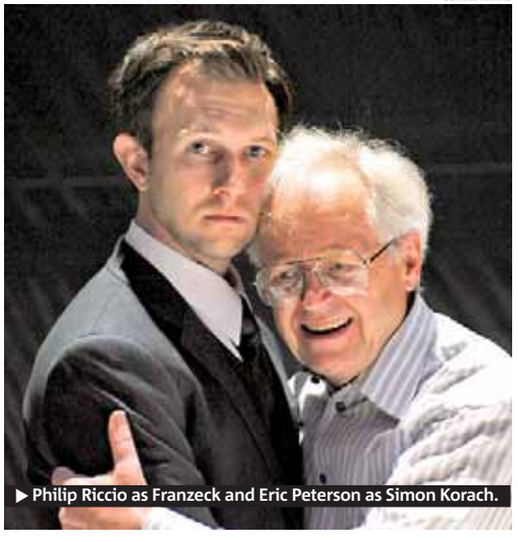
The Test is about the Korach family and their individual pursuits of power; patriarch Simon (Peterson) is a politician seeking re-election and the power of office. Simon's son, Peter, has chosen a life of supposed domestic bliss in order to counter his father's blind professional ambitions.

Peter's illusion is shattered when he discovers, via a DNA test, that his son is not biologically his.

Dark, expressive, and at times rather witty, The Test is an exploration of how knowledge can easily be translated into power.

The Test is on until Nov. 26 and is a co-production between the Canadian Stage Company and Company Theatre.

GUNTAR KRAVIS



▶ Philip Riccio as Franzeck and Eric Peterson as Simon Korach.

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Scene in brief

Leonard Cohen will usher in the new year with a CD of Old Ideas. The 77-year-old Montreal songwriter will release his first album in more than seven years on Jan. 31. Old Ideas will consist of 10 tracks that "poetically address some of the most profound quandaries of human existence," according to a release from Cohen's label. Some of the new tunes have been around for a while — early versions of tracks Amen and Lullaby were originally recorded in 2007, while Cohen performed new tune The Darkness during his recent world tour. Another new track, Show Me The Place, is now streaming on Cohen's website, where fans can pre-order the upcoming disc.

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Britain wins five International Emmys; Eccleston, Walters take acting honours.

Movie reviews

See it twice ●●●●● | See it now ●●●● | Worth watching ●●● | Yawn ●● | Don't bother ●

Hugo

Genre: Adventure/Drama
Director: Martin Scorsese
Stars: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz and Christopher Lee
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Set in 1930s Paris, the new Martin Scorsese film is a sophisticated kid's movie about an orphan obsessed with repairing an automaton left behind by his father.

His fixation leads him to forgotten film pioneer Georges Méliès and a new life.

Hugo is the Scorsese's homage not only to the filmmakers who shaped his youth but to the art form itself.

There is a sense of wonder imprinted on every frame. Add to that star Asa Butterfield's face, reminiscent of the moon faced children of early cinema, the dulcet tones of Christopher Lee, 3D that enhances not overwhelms, and you have a movie about the magic of film with plenty of its own magic.

RICHARD CROUSE

The Muppets

Genre: Comedy/Musical
Director: James Bobin
Stars: Amy Adams, Jason Segel and Chris Cooper
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There may have been better films released in 2011, but this critic is hard pressed to think of a better movie than The Muppets, writer/star Jason Segel and director James Bobbin's revamp of the beloved '70s TV series as well as the expanded big screen franchise that followed. It's perfect entertainment, ferociously funny and far out. Segel is perfect as Gary, who lives a candy-coated life with his muppet obsessed, felt and faux fur covered brother Walter, and his sunny, long suffering girlfriend Mary (Amy Adams). When the trio head to Hollywood to make Walter's dreams of meeting Kermit and company come true, they become embroiled in a scheme to save the muppet theatre from a scowling, rapping oil baron (Chris Cooper). Filled to the gills with chirpy, catchy pop songs and subversive gags, The Muppets works as both a nostalgia piece for parents and a wild romp for kids.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Arthur Christmas

Genre: Comedy/Drama
Director: Sarah Smith
Stars: James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie
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Arthur Christmas not only answers the mystery of how Santa Claus delivers billions of presents in one night but it shows how the now high-tech computer-operated system is flawed. When one girl doesn't get her gift, Santa's inept son (McAvoy) sets off to ensure Christmas isn't ruined. For all its familiar themes, Arthur delivers enough clever laughs and eye-popping scenery to entertain kiddies hungry for holiday fare.

STEVE GOW

Movie. Screen times.

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
Hugo (STC) Wed-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:20-9:20
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20

MARKET SQUARE
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 1:05-3:05-5:05-7:05-9:05
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 1:30-3:40-7:15-9:25

VARSITY
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-10

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
Hugo 3D (STC) s Wed-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:05
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:45-9:20

YONGE & DUNDAS 24
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 1:30-4-6:30-9
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:45-10:30

QUEENSWAY
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 1:15-4:05-7:20-10:05
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:15-10:15
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:45-9:25

WOODBINE CENTRE
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 12:45-2:55-5:10-7:20-9:35
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 1:20-3:50-7:05-9:15

BEACH CINEMAS
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 7-9:40

SHEPPARD GRANDE
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 4:20-7:15-9:55
Hugo (STC) Wed-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:40
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 4:40-7:10-10:10

EMPRESS WALK
The Muppets (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:10

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 1:30-4:25-6:50-9:10
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 1-4:10-7:10-10
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 1:20-4-7-9:40

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-10:10
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:45

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:30-9:20
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 1-3:55-6:45-9:45
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 3-6:50-9:30

401 & MORNINGSIDE
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 4-6:40-9:15
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 4:10-7-9:30

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
The Muppets (G) Digital, Wed-Thu 3:15-5:50-8:20 , Wed-Thu 4:35-7:15

COLISEUM 10
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 12:35-1:15-3:30-4:20-6:45-7-9:30-10

COURTNEY PARK 16
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 2:15-7:30
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 4:45-10
Hugo (STC) Wed-Thu 1:40-7:40
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 4:40-10:40
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 2:30-5:15-8-10:30

ORION GATE GRANDE
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:40
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:20

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:40
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 4-6:45-9:55
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 4:35-7:10:20

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 3:40-7:15-9:55
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 3:10-3:50-6:45-7:25-9:20-10

SQUARE ONE
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 2:40-5
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:30
Hugo (STC) Wed-Thu 2:45-5:30-8:15
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 4-7-9:45

AURORA CINEMAS
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 7-9:30
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 6:30-9:15
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 6:45-9:20

COLOSSUS 19
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 4:05-7:10-9:50
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ELGIN MILLS 10
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 6:20-9
The Muppets (G) Digital Wed-Thu 7-9:30

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7:10-9:40
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 7-9:45
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 7:15-9:50

INTERCHANGE 30
Hugo (STC) Wed-Thu 5:30-8:15
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 4-7-9-9:45

PROMENADE MALL
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 1:25-4-7:10-9:20

SILVERCITY NEWMARKET
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 3:35-6:20-8:45
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 3:30-6:35-9:45
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:30

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 4:05-6:35-9
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 3:40-6:30-9:20
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 4:15-6:50-9:30

GALAXY CINEMAS MILTON
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 6:45-9:20

SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7-10
Hugo 3D (STC) Wed-Thu 6:50-9:40
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 7:05-10:05

SILVERCITY OAKVILLE
Hugo (STC) Wed-Thu 7:15-10
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 6:45-9:20

WINSTON CHURCHILL
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 3-5:30-8-10:30

AJAX
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7-9:30
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 7:10-10

PICKERING 8
Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 5:40-8:40
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 5:35-8:15

WHITBY 24
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THE ROOTS AIR THEIR FEELINGS

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On Monday night's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon the band picked some inflammatory music for featured guest (and Republican presidential candidate) Michele Bachmann to walk into.

The song they picked? Lyin' Ass B— by Fishbone.

And it wasn't a slip-up. Questlove even told fans and followers to pay attention via Twitter: "aight late night walkon song devotees: you love it when we snark: this next one takes the cake. Ask around cause I aint tweeting the title," he wrote.

Then he even took it a step further by tweeting a link to the album and making fans guess which song they picked.

As Spin points out, The Roots often use songs to express their feelings.

Two notable examples are playing Milli Vanilli when notorious lip-syncer Ashlee Simpson came on the show and introducing Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt with Beck's Loser.

Both of those were tongue and cheek — and directed to fixtures of popular culture. This is a presidential candidate, congresswoman, and a foster parent to more than 23 children. No matter what you think of Bachmann's political views, it's offensive that a house band would sneakily suggest a woman is a "b—" on national television.

If Fishbone only had come up with a ska song entitled: You Have Different Political Views Than Me — Many of Which I Find Utterly Misguided and Wrongheaded — But We Live in a Country Where We Are Allowed to Have Different Beliefs and So We Will Just Agree to Disagree.

Also, It is Not Polite to Call a Woman a 'B—'…. Fallon and The Roots would not find themselves in this pickle. And it will be a pickle.

A huge, massive pickle.

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▶ Bachmann

Demi, Ashton divorce long overdue: Source

Demi Moore's decision to file for divorce from Ashton Kutcher wasa long time coming, sources tell People magazine.

"Ashton was ready to end it," a source says, explaining they wrestled with their age difference, Moore's insecurities and Kutcher's wandåering eye.

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Is Katy in baby mode?

Singer denies growing gossip

Katy Perry's decision to take some time off after her tour to "work on family" led some to speculate that the singer and Russell Brand are already expecting, but Perry denies it.

"Hell no," Perry tells Hollyscoop.

But she's not opposed to the idea.

The pop star recently told Ellen DeGeneres she eventually wants a family. "I would love to have children.

I think that's one of the reasons you get married."

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Celebrity tweets

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@LisaLampanelli

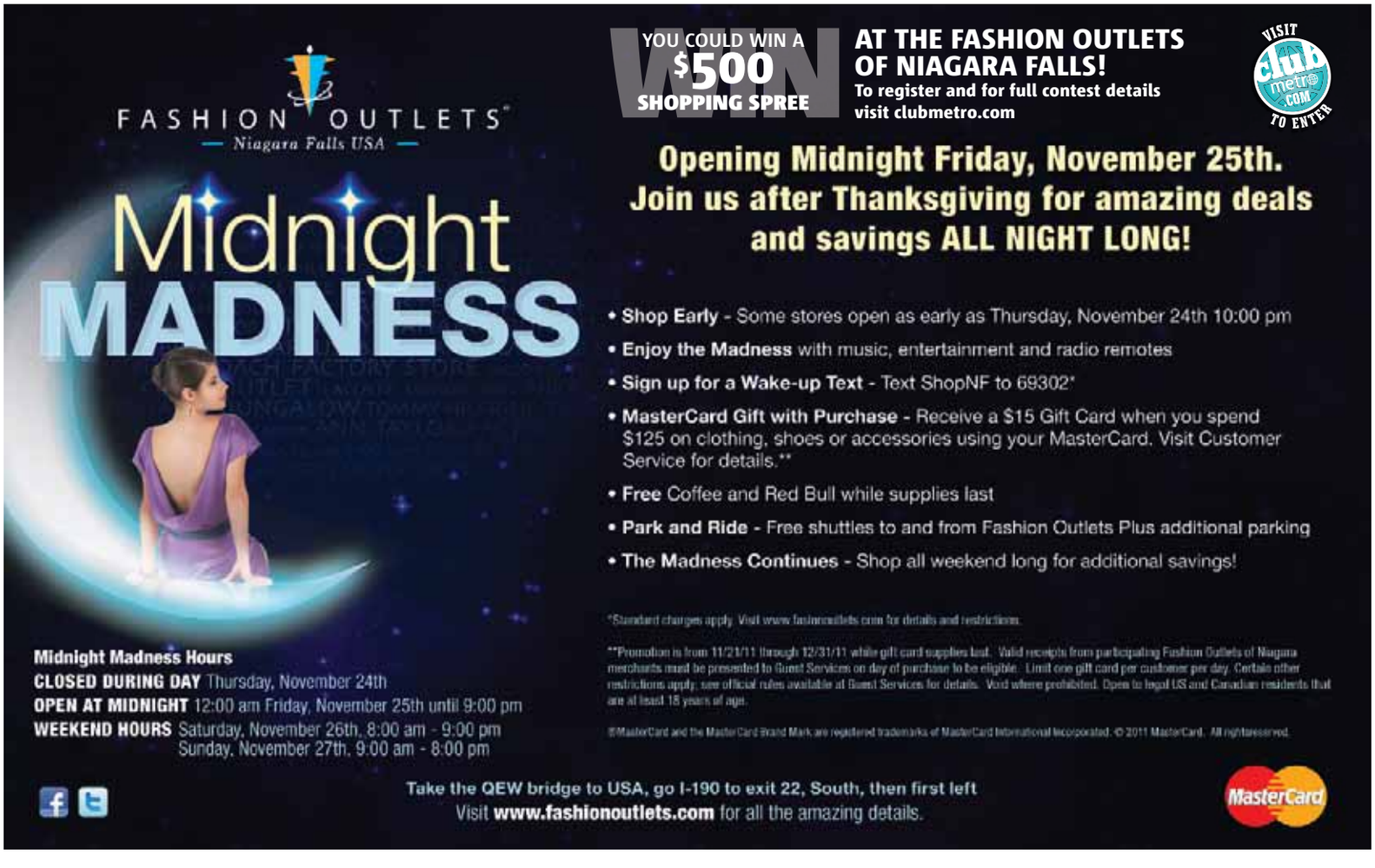
New Stilton cheese sells for $430 a pound. If I wanna spend a lot of money on cheese I'll buy the 1st three seasons of 'Glee' on Blu-Ray!

@SteveMartinToGo

Need my turkey sprayed with pepper. Whom can I turn to?

Aaaah!! Explosions, panic n general mayhem! Its good 2 b back at "camp evil"!

@MillaJovovich



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Snorkelling in Roatan

Santiago, Chile

An exciting city with a stunning location at the foot of the Andes Mountains. There are chic restaurants and stylish hotels and new museums.

Kauai, Hawaii

On the island's north shore, three-kilometre-long Hanalei Bay is Frommer's choice for top beach destination for 2012. Volcanic cliffs and 300-metre waterfalls form the backdrop.

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Yucatan Peninsula

The safest region in Mexico, according to Frommer's. Go for the beaches, the food and the Mayan sites. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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New York City

At Grand Central Terminal a free light show plays on the walls of the main concourse every half-hour through December. Other things to see: Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree with 30,000 lights; elaborate holiday window displays; and "the world's largest menorah," at 10 metres high, in front of the Plaza Hotel.

Grand Central Terminal, New York

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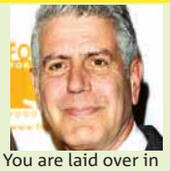
Travel in brief



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Hot parties down south

The Caribbean Islands are known for their love of music and dance, and hold annual festivals to celebrate Everything from the sugar cane crop, reggae, Lent and Christmas is used as an excuse for the never-ending parades, parties and glittering costumes Add some spice to your life with these dates for your diary

1 Spice Mas Grenada

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Where: St George
Grenada expresses its colourful mix of African, French, British and Caribbean heritage at this festival. Originally used as an opportunity to protest about exploitation and injustice in the form of songs and calypsos (satirical songs), this fun is spread out over weeks during which people enjoy steel pan orchestras, reggae bands, beauty pageants, parades and "fancy mas" bands. A festival highlight is the J'Ouvert night, where devilish jab jab revelers cover themselves in molasses, tar and creosote and wear horned helmets.
When: June 2 to August 14, 2012
spicemasgrenada.com

2 Trinidad Carnival Trinidad and Tobago

Where: Port of Spain, Trinidad
This carnival evolved from the French Mardi Gras (fat Tuesday) and involves a succession of extravagant festivities beginning around Christmas and ending on Ash Wednesday. Some say the carnival began as locals mimicked the elegant balls of colonial settlers and rebelled from their authority by celebrating African mythology and music. Highlights include the steel-pan band Panorama competition and the Kings and Queens costume competition, whereby over the top are embellished with lights and fitted with sound effects. After two months of intense partying, Trinidadians then repent for their wicked ways with the start of Lent.
When: February 21 2012
gotrinidadandtobago.com

3 Reggae Sumfest Jamaica

Where: Montego Bay
Thousands of reggae lovers flock into the port of Montego Bay for the annual Sumfest. Hailed as the world's best reggae festival, it's a non-stop party featuring the best talent in the industry. Every night for four days, reggae stars take to the stage at the Catherine Hall Entertainment Centre to celebrate the art of reggae music. Last year, rising star Nicki Minaj was one of the lead acts and past performances have included Damian Marley, Kanye West, Usher and Chris Brown.
When: July 15-21, 2012
reggaesumfest.com

4 Crop Over Carnival, Barbados

Where: Barbados
Historically, these celebrations marked the end of the sugar cane cutting season; now it's a euphoric celebration of Bajan culture and music, which involves drinking plenty of rum. The highlight of this year's Crop Over Parade was a scantily-clad Rhianna.
When: July 7 to August 6, 2012
barbadoscropoverfestival.com

5 Junkanoo Bahamas

Where: New Providence Island
Junkanoo was originally a way for slaves to celebrate the three days off they were given for Christmas. Revelers would wear grotesque masks and go dancing from house to house, sometimes exploiting their hidden identity to get "even" with those that had wronged them. After slavery was abolished, the Bahamas was the only island to keep the tradition alive. Today, the carnival is a celebration of Bahamian dance and music.
When: December 26, 2011 and January 1, 2012
bahamas.com

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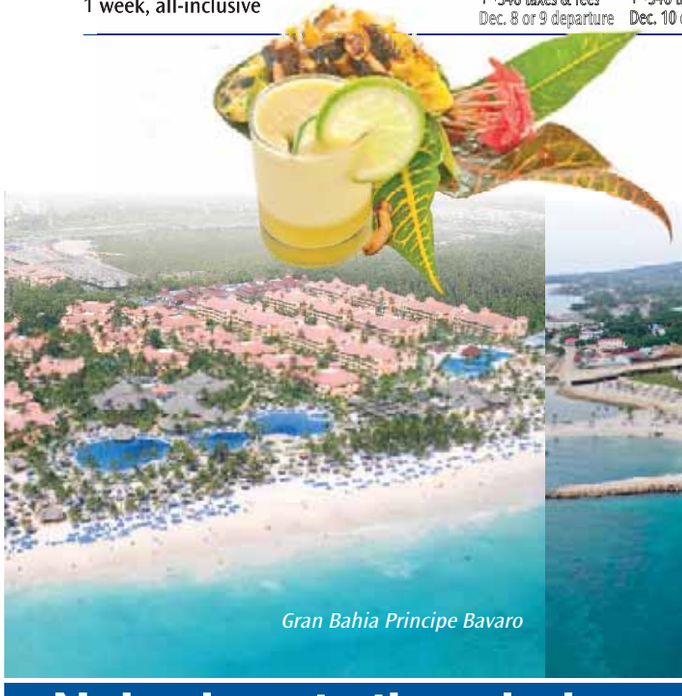

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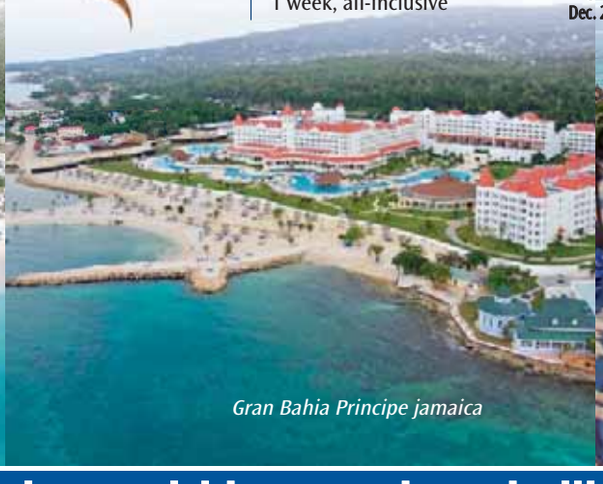

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Honky tonk Town

This isn't L.A., but there are plenty of (country) stars to gaze at Delight in Nashville's down-home feel

There's no shortage of twinkling celestial bodies in Nashville's night sky, but down on terra firma Music City USA has an abundance of human stars strolling its sidewalks.

Music is a multi-billion dollar industry in Nashville. With dozens of musical venues and scores of recording studios, Music City comes by its name honestly. There are so many stage, television and film stars living in and around Nashville, locals tend to treat the famous simply as neighbours.

It's the same if you're a tourist spending time at this popular destination. Nashville and the state of Tennessee have a delightful, unpretentious down-home feel for the visitor.

The city is the hub of pretty well every musical genre, and location of the immortal Grand Ole Opry and the Ryman Auditorium, where the likes of James Brown, Patsy Cline and Bruce Springsteen have thrilled generations of fans during its long history. While it might be a long way from rhinestones and elongated limos, the Bluebird Cafe is where you'll find many true hearts listening to a broad range of traditional music. The Bluebird is an intimate and inexpensive place to linger over a couple of beers and bask in the sounds created by topnotch professional singers and musicians.

For a city that's been called the buckle on the Bible belt (the city is home to the world's largest publisher of Bibles), Nashville has all the neon sparkle of a tourist town. However, you will also discover a deep cultural sophistication that will surprise you.

To experience these cultural roots, take time to visit the Frist Centre for the Visual Arts, the dramatic $20-million conversion of an Art Deco 1930s post office in downtown Nashville. Over at the magnificent Schermerhorn Symphony Centre you could take in a Beethoven evening.

About 12 kilometres southwest of downtown, there's more elegant grandeur waiting to be discovered. Called Nashville's home of art and gardens, Cheekwood, once the private home and estate of the Cheek family (who founded the Maxwell House empire), provides visitors with a unique experience of art and gardens. Completed in 1932, Cheekwood is set in a beautiful 55-acre property and was opened to the public in 1960, with a dedication given by Senator Albert Gore, Sr.

And then there are the must-see places that neighbour Nashville, such as Franklin. With its 15-block historic district, the city offers true Southern hospitality with a restored American "Main Street" and 200 years of rich history. In 1864 one of the bloodiest wars in the Civil War took place here, resulting in more than 8,000 casualties. Civil War buffs in the thousands arrive here every year to visit the site.

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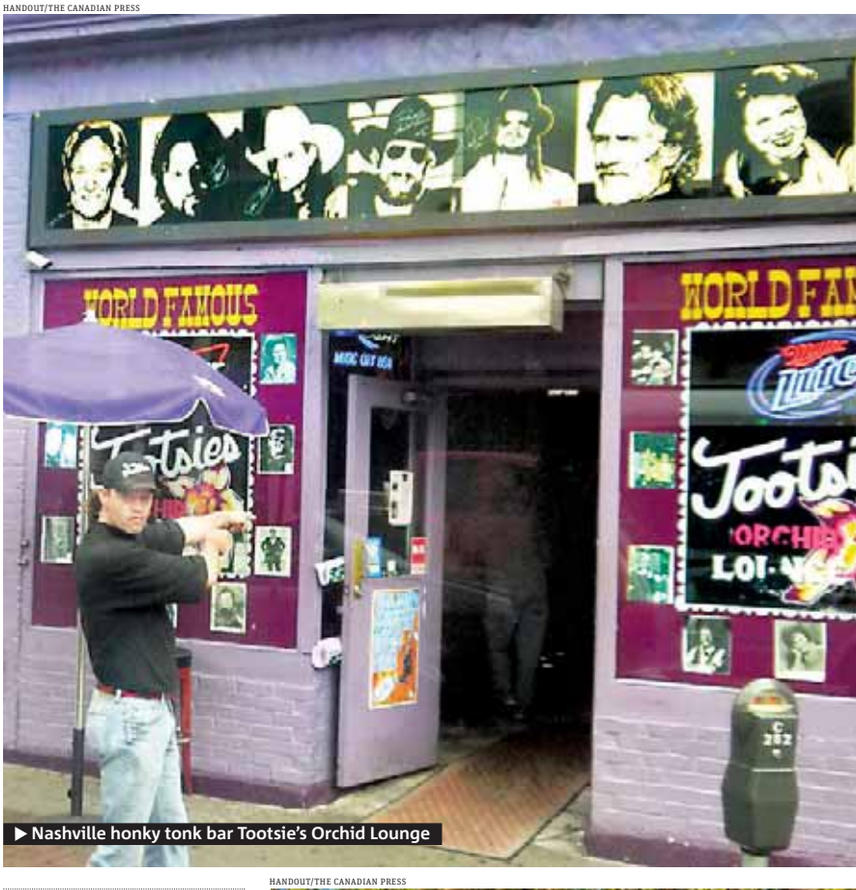

▶ Nashville honky tonk bar Tootsie's Orchid Lounge

If you go...

- **Stay:** A popular place to stay is the Gaylord Opryland. It's a huge complex with so many indoor gardens, waterfalls and restaurants, you'll be tempted to stay longer.
- **See:** The Christmas season is wonderful in Nashville, and this hotel puts on a great show from Nov. 18 to Jan. 3. (gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-opryland/a-country-christmas/index.html)

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▶ Fort Defiance is about 70 kilometres northwest of Nashville and was the cornerstone of Confederate defence in the area during the Civil War.

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Notables give NYC love

New book has nearly 300 celebrities share their thoughts on the Big Apple

Pages contain great ideas for lesser-known things to see and do in the city

Jeryl Brunner's new book, My City, My New York, helps remind us of the beauty and magnificence of New York City, while also offering up tips and insights from New York notables.

"It holds a dual purpose. On one hand, it gives information on some of the best places the city has to offer; and on the other, it has a personal element to it," she explains in an interview.

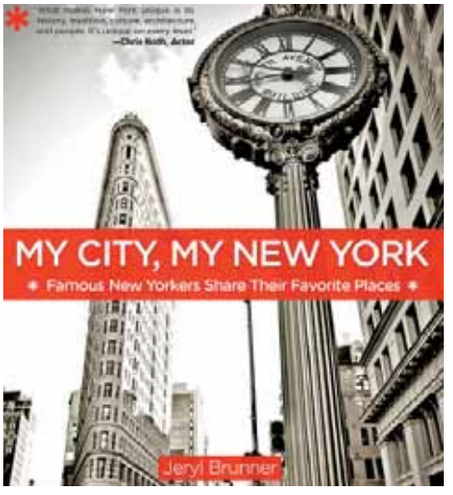
Nearly 300 celebrities, including Woody Allen, Tina Fey, Sarah Jessica Parker and Mayor Michael Bloomberg, share their thoughts on some of the best places in the city. Some divulge the names of their favourite restaurants and shopping districts, while others simply offer up what they consider the best spot in Central Park.

"Everyone has their own unique ritual. Everyone has their own notion of a perfect day in New York," Brunner elaborates.

"It is different for each individual. But when you put them all in a book, it becomes a declaration of love and admiration for the city."

As for Brunner, who moved to the city in 1983, her idea of a perfect New York day is to simply ride along the Hudson River bike path, enjoy a salad at Barney's, and then catch a play in the evening.

"The possibilities to enjoy the city are just limitless," Brunner says. "You'll find that in the book, the celebrities talk about all these different things to do or see, and even I haven't even done them all yet." METRO



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My favourite spot in Canada

KESHIA CHANTÉ: GLOUCESTER POOL, MUSKOKA

It wasn't until two summers ago that I discovered what it meant, in my opinion, to be a true Canadian. I fell in love with the outdoors staying at a cottage on the lake of Gloucester Pool right in Georgian Bay, Muskoka. The fresh air and breathtaking views surprised me. I never realized paradise was in reach and right in our backyard! Waking up before sunrise to go fishing, taking the boat out across the lake all throughout the day, seeing wildlife like deer, otter, beaver, foxes, going through trails and hiking, BBQs, bonfires, star gazing; relaxation & beauty at our fingertips. Cliffs, tall trees and clean water make up the serenity of Muskoka. It is truly one of my favourite places in the world and I feel patriotic every time I go there. I can't wait to spend my first winter in Muskoka, then more summers & to someday show my kids what it means to be Canadian.

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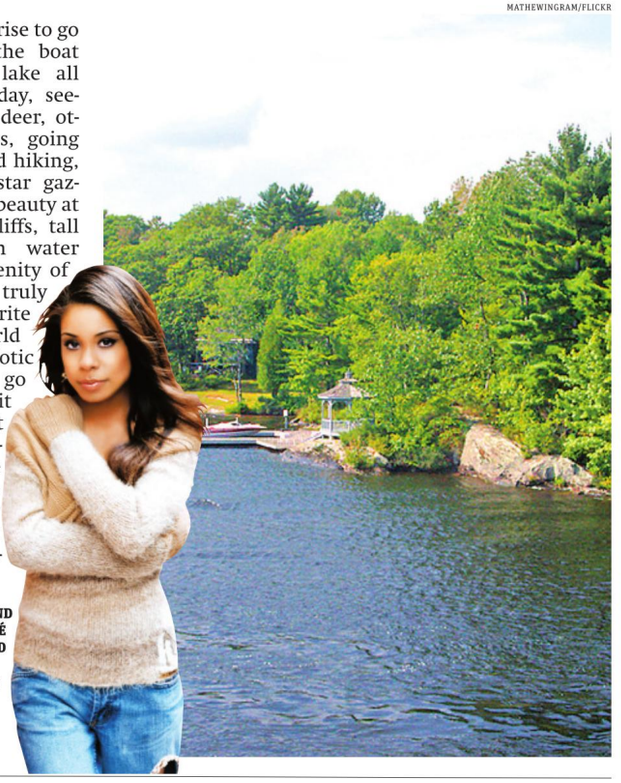

Postcards from the planet

HEATHER GREENWOOD DAVIS
GLOBETROTTINGMAMA.COM

HO CHI MINH, VIETNAM
NOV. 19, 2011

How do you explain war to a 9-year-old? You can talk as much as you want about sacrifice and politics but what really hammers it home? Showing them the tiny hole through which Vietnamese guerillas and their families hid underground during the war. As the kids — among the few who could crawl the 100 metre distance of a Cu Chi tunnel — emerged, I asked them if they understood. They asked a few questions, then hurried home to Google for answers. It's a discussion that will likely shape their history classes for years to come.

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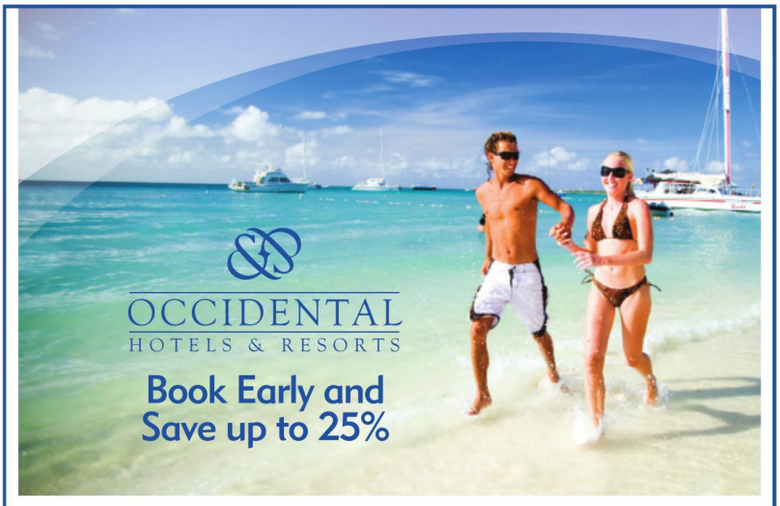

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Sweeten up with cherry fudge

For the ultimate in seasonal decadence, treat the taste buds to this deliciously rich dessert

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▶ Almonds and cherries mixed in fudge ... too good!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 can (150 g) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 1 pkg (360 g) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 jar (210 g) marshmallow crème
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 1 cup (250 mL) slivered almonds, toasted
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) dried Bing cherries, chopped
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) whole blanched almonds toasted, for garnish (optional)

Looking for a fun idea for the office potluck this holiday season? Try a hand at making fudge this year. With a few simple ingredients you can create a rich and chocolatey treat.

Preparation:

1. Butter 9-inch (2 L) square baking pan; set aside.
2. In 3-quart (2.8 L) saucepan over medium-high heat, stir sugar, milk and butter until butter melts and mixture comes to a full boil. Continue to cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly.
3. Remove from heat; gradually mix in chocolate
3. Remove from heat; gradually mix in chocolate chips until melted, then stir in marshmallow crème until melted and thoroughly blended. Mix in vanilla, slivered almonds and cherries to distribute evenly.
4. With a rubber spatula, scrape into buttered pan and smooth the top. Decorate with whole almonds, spacing apart and pressing in lightly, so that fudge can be cut into squares between almonds. Allow to set in cool place for 2 to 3 hours.
5. Cut fudge into squares; arrange and cover with plastic wrap in gift packages, or place on serving dish. To store, wrap and refrigerate up to 1 week. Bring to room temperature before serving.

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Drink of the week

Orange and cherry

Here is a fun way to get your guests involved in their drink.

- 1.5 oz orange flavour vodka
- maraschino cherry
- orange slice
- sparkling water

In a mixing glass filled with ice cubes, chill orange flavoured vodka. Then pour into a cone shape glass. Add maraschino cherry. Place orange slice in the top of the glass in order to seal in the vodka.
To serve, pour cold sparkling water over the orange slice.
Serve the cocktail with a straw and ask your guest to push on the orange slice to mix the drink.
Makes 1 serving.

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Yummy fruit-stuffed soda bread

Cherry bread

Ingredients:

- 1.125 ml (4 1/2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) baking powder
- 1/2 tbsp baking soda
- 2 ml (1/2 tbsp) salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shortening
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 500 ml (2 cups) buttermilk

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a baking sheet.
2. In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. Cut in shortening with a pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add cherries and buttermilk and stir. Turn out onto floured surface, knead dough for a 1 minute. Shape into a ball.
4. lace on prepared baking sheet and bake in centre of the over for 30-35 minutes or until loaf is golden and sounds hollow when tapped.

SOURCE: EMILY RICHARDS

Pounding the pavement pays off

STUDENT VOICE

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I recently graduated from York University with a BA (Honours) in communications studies. I participated in many internships throughout my university career, had numerous part-time jobs, and I excelled academically.

I thought that finding a job when I graduated would be incredibly easy, since I was so motivated and enthusiastic about joining the workforce. But little did I know that this would not be the case.

I was eager to find a position in the field of communications and public relations in order to see if this type of work was right for me. Checking job boards was one of my daily activities.

I applied and kept track of every resumé and cover letter I sent in — and it totalled over 90 in the span of five months. After only hearing back from six or seven, I was discouraged, furious, and upset with myself. I just had to find another way.

I found the best way to look for work was networking. I made use of all the resources and connections I had because I realized that you never know who might know of someone who is looking for someone.

I also found it helpful to go on informational interviews, which is calling or e-mailing someone from a company you would like to work for and asking if they would be willing to meet with you briefly.

You would be surprised to see how many professionals are willing to help out recent grads.

Feel free to ask them anything about their line of work, working at that company even ask if they can take a look at your resumé.

Sometimes they will take it with them and keep it on file.

My advice to recent graduates is to never feel discouraged. Finding a job is very time-consuming, and it takes a lot of hard work and dedication. If the search seems to be never-ending, don't give up. I know it sounds a little corny, but it's true.

Tap into all the resources you can use: TalentEgg, LinkedIn, Facebook, friends, family, newspapers, networking events, and don't be afraid to put yourself out there.

Let employers see your enthusiasm, passion, hard-work ethic, and motivation.

After months on the job hunt, I was finally offered a position at a great organization.

My recommendation for employers is to be more open-minded. A lot of job postings require a number of years worth of work experience in that field. When you are a recent graduate looking for a job, this qualification seems very daunting.

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▶ Naomi Elmaleh kept her head high during the hunt and now she's got plenty to smile about.

Where Naomi is now

I am currently the director of communications and student programming at a supplementary school in Toronto.

I am very happy with my position and the organization I work for and I know that my time here will be very rewarding. I do hope to return to school to complete a post-graduate certificate in public relations and communications, as well as to continue my work in the non-profit sector in Toronto.

What I learned

Key take-aways from Naomi's experience.

- Don't get discouraged or give up your job search.
- Meet and connect with as many people as you can — you never know who could help you get a job.
- Find ways to show employers that you are both qualified for the job and passionate about the industry you want to work in.

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Most contracts contain employer-friendly terms

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It's possibly the worst rule in workplace law — corporations are permitted to insist that employees sign one-sided employment contracts that reduce their legal rights. Regrettably, employees with little bargaining power or an understanding of the law, seldom realize that their interests are being undermined. What are some of the more punitive contractual terms?

Probationary periods
New employees are not 'probationary' as a matter of law. They are only probationary if they agree to it in a contract. If they have, employers are then given the right to dismiss for reasons that would otherwise be insufficient and worse, by providing only minimum notice or pay, or often less.

Termination clauses
Without any language surrounding termination in the contract, employees are entitled to 'fair' severance upon their termination based on how long it would take to find another job.

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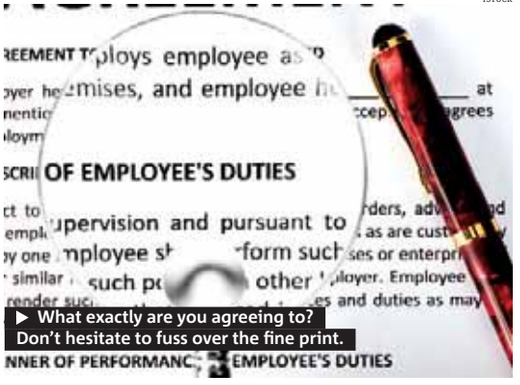

▶ What exactly are you agreeing to? Don't hesitate to fuss over the fine print.

However, employers often draft contracts to provide employees with less than what is fair. Why would anyone to agree to this? Because they do not realize these terms can be negotiated or sometimes refused.

No contractual changes
Can the job be modified or changed? Once the job begins, employees can refuse any significant changes that negatively affect them, such as demotion or even reduced pay – unless they have agreed to a contract that permits it.

Post-employment restrictions
An employee's only duty upon leaving a company is to keep information or trade secrets confidential. That is unless a specific post-employment restriction is written into a contract. If the contract is properly drafted, employers can prevent employees from working for a competitor, or soliciting clients or former colleagues upon their departure.

Post-termination income
Contracts can deprive employees of the right to any compensation other than severance following their termination. Without such language, courts can imply that an employee is entitled to bonuses, commissions, stock options and profit sharing, as if the employee had still been employed.

What should employees do? First, review any new contract with a lawyer and don't be reluctant to renegotiate terms. Second, challenge the enforceability of these contracts where the facts present that argument. I have won in court by raising the inference that a contract was signed without proper consent — such findings are not exceptions.

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Great gifting

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Give the big guy a run for his money this year.

After spending 11 months as merely co-workers, the beginning of December heralds feelings of peace in cubicles and goodwill towards bosses. But before you make additions to your shopping list, consider these tips from Lahle Wolfe, About.com's Women in Business expert.

The boss factor

Should you even give your supervisor a gift? It depends.

"Assess it the same way as that aunt you see once a year," advises Wolfe. "What's the relationship? Can you name the things outside the office that your boss likes? If not, then you don't know this person well enough to give them a gift."

While Wolfe does recommend homemade gifts or baked goods for closer peers, she discourages them for bosses — these can be interpreted as either intimate or unprofessional, neither of which you're going for.

Beware of the gag gift

Increasingly, Wolfe sees offices encouraging gag gifts as part of Secret Santa or Pollyanna-style giving to alleviate pressure. But, she warns, this comes with its own set of problems.

"A lot of offices do this, and it tends to make people uncomfortable and turn into teasing," she says.

"When you target gifts like this, stick with something very neutral. Go with something you might give a child, so that's why it's a gag."

Meaning, no cigars for the guy who is always on a smoke break, no watches for the co-worker who is always late, and no booze for the girl who can't say no to happy hour.

On the wording

Wishing someone Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah is perfectly fine, provided you're sure that's what the person celebrates. If there's a question, go with Happy Holidays.

"In an office environment, handle it like you would in a public school," says Wolfe. "Happy Holidays is a great neutral thing to say."

Gifting goofs

Wolfe is a fan of the iTunes gift card, where $10 can go a long way in getting someone through a long Monday morning. But whatever you do, don't give these:

- **Perfume and jewelry** "Perfume or jewelry are sort of intimate — it says that you're paying attention," cautions Wolfe. "If it's something not generic enough that a guy or a girl could equally enjoy, it's probably a little too personal."
- **Scented items** Many people are allergic to artificial scents or are just very particular about which ones they like. Again, cautions Wolfe, some people could interpret these as conveying intimacy — scents are personal.
- **Anything religious** Generic holiday ornaments and greeting cards are fine, but stay away from anything that's directly faith-related.

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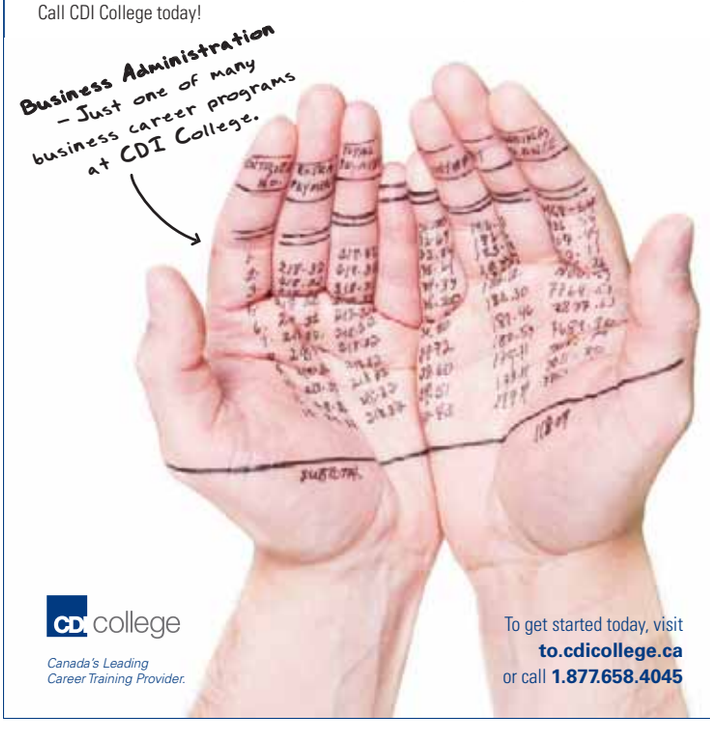

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Trading in jingles for jobs

Winter internships provide driven Canadian students with a golden chance to get a foot in the door

Candice So won't be home for the holidays.

Instead of curling up on her parents' couch for three weeks, the Carleton University student will be giving up her December break to complete an internship in the hope that it will give her an edge in an increasingly competitive job market.

"It's kind of a trade-off and you accept it," says the fourth-year journalism student who will be an intern at the Globe and Mail in Toronto.

"You're a student and you want as much exposure as possible; as much experience as possible."

That thirst for experience is driving a small but growing number of students to opt for a winter internship, even though the experience comes with its set of challenges.

In addition to working over the holidays, part of So's trade-off means the Ottawa resident will have to stay in a hotel for half her internship and crash at a friend's place for the rest of the month.

"It's not cheap and not everyone can afford to do internships like that," she says.

But So considers herself lucky. She won't have to return mid-internship to write any exams, her parents are helping to pay for her stay in Toronto and they hope to visit her over Christmas so she won't spend the holiday alone.

Above all, gaining the coveted work experience that her internship will bring is enough to leave the 21-year-old upbeat about the coming month.

"I'm excited. I don't look at it as a bad thing to work over Christmas," she says. "This is a big thing for me."

While winter internships aren't as common or as structured as their summer counterparts, they can offer hidden advantages.

Less competition for work during the holidays and using the experience to demonstrate passion for a chosen career path can all pay off, says Lauren Friese, founder of job search and career advice site TalentEgg.ca.

"I think it's a harder sell because it's a short period of time. At the same time, what a great opportunity for a student to get a job under their belt," she says.

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CANDICE SO, CARLETON UNIVERSITY STUDENT

"(They can) use it to show how they were different, how they were trying harder."

While Friese thinks employers ought to focus more on student achievements rather than job experience, she says the value of an internship for GenYers today can't be understated.

"The only time someone will hire a student with absolutely zero experience is while they're still a student," she says. "Which is why it's so important to get that experience then."

Linda Hoang knows that all too well. The Edmonton resident remembers giving up her winter break three years ago for an internship at a city paper, which she insists played a big role in advancing her career.

"I think it really helped because no one in my class was doing winter internships," says the 22-year-old, who now works at a TV station.

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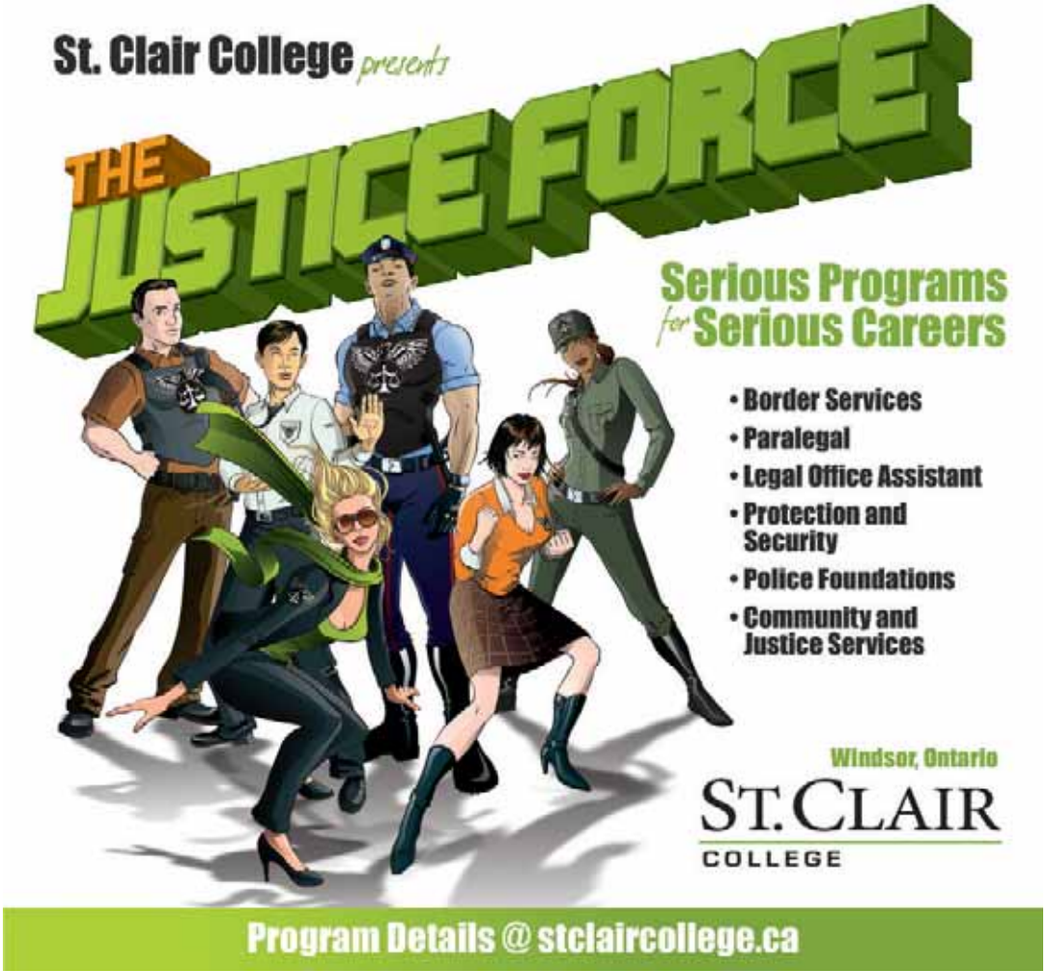

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▶ Carleton University student Candice So, seen here on campus in Ottawa, is planning to do a winter internship at the Globe and Mail.

Pace yourself

Advisers at many universities highlight the importance of not over-working.

- "Students need to be aware that they need rest and down time," says Aleasha McCallion, manager of workplace learning at the University of British Columbia's career services office.
- "We wouldn't want to encourage students to overcommit ... Be a student first."
- To strike the right balance, McCallion encourages students to gain experience throughout the course of their degrees.
- "They don't need to achieve all of their workplace experience hours that they ever plan to do in the break in the winter," she says.

Leafs strike down Bolts

Bozak, Connolly both record three points ◆ Colborne notches his first NHL goal

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▶ Lightning centre Steven Stamkos and Leafs defenceman Luke Schenn battle for the puck last night.

Tyler Bozak scored two goals and added an assist and Tim Connolly had a goal and two assists last night as the Toronto Maple Leafs hammered the Tampa Bay Lightning 7-1.

Clarke MacArthur, Joe Colborne, Joffrey Lupul and Joey Crabb also scored for the Maple Leafs, who had dropped four of five.

Vincent Lecavalier replied for Tampa Bay.

Toronto went ahead 3-1 when Connolly and Bozak scored power-play goals late in the first period. Connolly scored after Tampa Bay's Victor Hedman received a four-minute penalty after his high-stick struck MacArthur in the face.

Bozak and Lupul scored 1:21 apart early in third as Toronto took a 6-1 lead. Crabb added a goal of the rush later in the period.

Lupul has two goals and five assists during a four-game point streak.

MacArthur put the Maple Leafs up 1-0 just 41 seconds into the game. The left-winger had missed the previous three games due to an undisclosed upper-body injury.

The Lightning had a couple good scoring chances shortly after MacArthur's goal, but Maple Leafs goalie Jonas Gustavsson made a pad save on Lecavalier's shot off a 2-on-1 and Brett Clark had a drive from the top of the right circle that hit the post.

Lecavalier did convert his next chance, tying it 1-1 from the right circle on a power play at 8:38 of the first.

Colborne got his first NHL goal to make it 4-1 with 2:15 remaining in the second. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reimer update

Saying he has felt "99 per cent for 30 days," Maple Leafs goaltender James Reimer told reporters yesterday that he hopes to return to the lineup "soon."

"The symptoms are getting better or almost gone. I think it's just a matter now of getting back into shape," Reimer said.

"I've felt great the last five days. It's been a lot of fun."

Reimer was speaking precisely a month removed from the Oct. 22 collision with Brian Gionta in Montreal that sent the goaltender's mask flying and put him out of action with what the club has since referred to as whiplash and concussion-like symptoms. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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MLB reaches new deal with players

Five-year agreement allows for HGH testing

Baseball players and owners signed an agreement for a new labour contract yesterday, a deal that makes baseball the first North American professional major league to start blood testing on human growth hormone and expands the playoffs to 10 teams by 2013.

The five-year deal collective bargaining agreement makes changes owners hope will increase competitive balance by pressuring large-market teams to rein in spending on amateur draft picks and international signings.

Other highlights of the deal include: players will be required to play in the all-star game unless injured or excused; instant replay will be expanded to include decisions on foul lines and traps, subject to an agreement with umpires; players, managers and coaches may not use smokeless tobacco products during televised interviews and may not carry them in their uniforms; players arrested for DWI will be required to undergo mandatory evaluation; and players will start wearing improved batting helmets manufactured by Rawlings by 2013.

Owners achieved their goal of reining in spending on amateur players coming to the major leagues. For high school and college players taken in the June amateur draft, there will be five bands of penalties, starting with a 75 per cent tax on the amount 0-5 per cent over a specified threshold for each team next year, based on its selection spot. For teams going 5-10 per cent over, the tax will rise to 100 per cent and they will lose their next first-round draft pick.

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Compensation

Major league free agent compensation will be completely revised in 2013.

A team will have to offer its former players who became free agents the average of the top 125 contracts to receive draft-pick compensation if a player signs with a new team.

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d-Florida	20	11	6	0	3	60	51	25	4-2-0-3	7-4-0-0	5-2-0-3	W2
Philadelphia	20	11	6	2	1	75	62	25	5-4-1-1	6-2-1-0	6-2-1-1	L2
Buffalo	20	12	8	0	0	58	51	24	5-6-0-0	7-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
NY Rangers	17	10	4	1	2	47	37	23	5-1-0-1	5-3-1-1	7-2-0-1	L1
Washington	19	11	7	0	1	62	59	23	7-1-0-1	4-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Boston	19	12	7	0	0	65	39	22	8-5-0-0	4-2-0-0	9-1-0-0	W9
Ottawa	21	10	9	1	1	62	70	22	5-4-0-1	5-5-1-0	4-4-1-1	L1
New Jersey	19	10	8	0	1	52	54	21	4-3-0-1	6-5-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Montreal	21	9	9	1	2	53	50	21	4-5-1-2	5-4-0-0	5-3-1-1	L1
Tampa Bay	20	9	9	0	2	55	67	20	6-3-0-0	3-6-0-2	5-5-0-0	L2
Winnipeg	20	8	9	2	1	58	65	19	5-3-0-0	3-6-2-1	5-3-2-0	W3
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Los Angeles	21	11	7	1	2	52	50	25	6-5-0-1	5-2-1-1	5-4-0-1	W1
Nashville	19	10	5	3	1	53	48	24	4-2-2-1	6-3-1-0	6-1-3-0	L1
Dallas	20	21	8	0	0	53	55	24	7-3-0-0	5-5-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Detroit	19	11	7	1	0	53	43	23	7-2-1-0	4-5-0-0	6-3-1-0	W2
Phoenix	19	10	6	1	2	54	49	23	5-3-1-1	5-3-0-1	6-3-1-0	L1
Edmonton	20	10	8	0	2	51	49	22	6-2-0-1	4-6-0-1	4-6-0-0	L1
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Calgary	19	8	10	1	0	42	51	17	4-5-1-0	4-5-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Anaheim	20	6	10	1	3	41	62	16	4-6-0-0	2-4-1-3	1-6-1-2	L4
Columbus	20	5	13	0	2	47	70	12	4-6-0-1	1-7-0-1	4-5-0-1	W2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 7 Tampa Bay 1
Los Angeles 3 St. Louis 2
Edmonton at Nashville
Monday's results
Dallas 4 Edmonton 1
Columbus 4 Calgary 1
Boston 1 Montreal 0
Carolina 4 Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 5 N.Y. Islanders 0
Florida 4 New Jersey 3
Washington 4 Phoenix 3
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Columbus at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Detroit at Boston, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 7, LIGHTNING 1

First Period
1. Toronto, MacArthur 7 (Gardiner, T.Connolly) 0:41
2. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 9 (Stamkos, Malone) 8:38 (pp)
3. Toronto, T.Connolly 3 (Kulemin, Franson) 17:56 (pp)
4. Toronto, Bozak 3 (Kessel, T.Connolly) 19:22 (pp)

Penalties — Dupuis Tor (hooking) 3:27, Gardiner Tor (hooking) 7:42, Hedman TB (double high-sticking) 16:20, Kubina TB (interference) 18:44.
Second Period
5. Toronto, Colborne 1 (Frattin, Liles) 17:45

Penalty — Rosehill Tor (holding stick) 4:26.
Third Period
6. Toronto, Bozak 4, 3:07
7. Toronto, Lupul 11 (Bozak, Phaneuf) 4:28
8. Toronto, Crabb 3 (Frattin, Gardiner) 14:28

Penalties — Franson Tor (hooking), Purcell TB (diving) 1:13, Shannon TB (tripping) 2:29, T.Connolly Tor (interference) 2:52, Gardiner Tor (holding) 11:17, Gardiner Tor, Stamkos TB (double roughing) 18:11.
Shots on goal

Toronto	8	10	8	—26
Tampa Bay	13	6	9	—28

Goal (shots-saves) — Toronto: Gustavsson (W,6-4-0); Tampa Bay: Roloson (L,6-6-1)(21-15), Garon (4:28 third)(5-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 2-4; Tampa Bay: 1-6.
Referees — Tom Kowal, Dan O'Rourke. **Linesmen** — Brian Murphy, Pierre Racicot.
Att. — 0 (19,204) at Tampa, Fla.

KINGS 3, BLUES 2

First Period
1. St. Louis, Steen 8 (Oshie) 1:07

Penalties — Arnott StL (tripping) 1:50, Moreau LA (high-sticking) 5:37, Fraser LA, Nichol StL (fighting) 17:18, Clifford LA (hooking) 18:04.
Second Period
2. Los Angeles, Kopitar 10 (Richards) 7:36 (pp)

Penalties — Hunter LA (slashing) 3:00, Reaves StL (interference) 5:41, Pietrangelo StL (interference) 10:24, Porter StL (cross-checking) 16:59, Clifford LA (high-sticking) 19:01, Pietrangelo StL (slashing) 20:00.
Third Period
3. Los Angeles, Richards 9 (Loktionov) 4:41
4. St. Louis, Sobotka 2 (D'Agostini, Russell) 12:28
5. Los Angeles, Mitchell 1 (Gagne, Williams) 14:11

Penalties — Sobotka StL (roughing) 5:11, Gagne LA (hooking) 8:23, Doughty LA (cross-checking) 19:58.
Shots on goal

Los Angeles	8	11	9	—28
St. Louis	7	14	4	—25

Goal — Los Angeles: Bernier (W,2-2-0); St. Louis: Halak (L,3-7-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 1-6; St. Louis: 0-6.
Att. — 18,178 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kessel, Tor	16	13	29
Giroux, Pha	11	15	26
Versteeg, Fla	11	14	25
Lupul, Tor	10	15	25
Vanek, Buf	11	13	24
D.Sedin, Vcr	6	18	24
Ma.Hossa, Chi	9	14	23
Kopitar, LA	9	14	23
Pominville, Buf	8	15	23
P.Kane, Chi	7	15	22
H.Sedin, Vcr	7	15	22
Backstrom, Wash	6	16	22
Neal, Pgh	12	9	21
Seguin, Bos	11	10	21
Skinner, Car	9	12	21
Weiss, Fla	8	13	21
Smyth, Edm	11	9	20
Franzen, Det	10	10	20
T.Fleischmann, Fla	9	11	20
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	8	12	20
Spezza, Ott	6	14	20
Plekanec, Mtl	5	15	20
J.Thornton, SJ	5	15	20
Pavelski, SJ	11	8	19
Stamkos, TB	11	8	19
Toews, Chi	10	9	19
Eriksson, Dal	9	10	19
Marleau, SJ	9	10	19
Elias, NJ	8	11	19
Selanne, Ana	7	12	19
P.Sharp, Chi	7	12	19
Benn, Dal	5	14	19
Michalek, Ott	12	6	18
Prospal, Clb	6	12	18
Eberle, Edm	5	13	18
Campbell, Fla	2	16	18
Karlsson, Ott	1	17	18
Pacioretty, Mtl	9	8	17
Hartnell, Pha	8	9	17
Jagr, Pha	6	11	17
Dupuis, Pgh	4	13	17
M.Bergeron, TB	3	14	17
Letang, Pgh	2	15	17
J.Staal, Pgh	10	6	16
Duchene, Col	9	7	16
Vrbata, Phx	9	7	16
M.Richards, LA	8	8	16
Tavares, NYI	8	8	16
van Riemsdyk, Pha	8	8	16

Last night's games not included

CFL PLAYOFFS

GREY CUP

Sunday's game
At Vancouver
Winnipeg vs. B.C., 6:30 p.m., EST

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Schiavone, Edm	0	6	4	0	18
Medlock, Ham	0	5	4	0	17
McCallum, BC	0	4	4	0	16
Whyte, Mtl	0	5	3	0	14
Barnes, Edm	2	0	0	0	12
Harris, BC	2	0	0	0	12
Q.Porter, Ham	2	0	0	0	12
Paredes, Cal	0	1	3	0	10
x-C.Williams, Ham	1	2	0	0	8
Palardy, Wpg	0	1	2	0	7
Cobourne, Ham	1	0	0	0	6
Cornish, Cal	1	0	0	0	6
Deslauriers, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Garrett, Wpg	1	0	0	0	6
B.Grant, Ham	1	0	0	0	6
Green, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Lulay, BC	1	0	0	0	6
McCarty, Edm	1	0	0	0	6
McPherson, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Messam, Edm	1	0	0	0	6
Munoz, Edm	1	0	0	0	6
Richardson, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Simon, BC	1	0	0	0	6
Stamps, Edm	1	0	0	0	6
Thigpen, Ham	1	0	0	0	6
Vega, Wpg	1	0	0	0	6
Whitaker, Mtl	1	0	0	0	6
Dales, Cal	0	0	0	3	3
Duval, Edm	0	0	0	2	2

FOOTBALL

CIS PLAYOFFS

VANIER CUP

Friday's game
At Vancouver
McMaster vs. Laval, 9 p.m., EST

TENNIS

ATP

BARCLAYS WORLD FINALS

At London
ROUND ROBIN
SINGLES
Group B
Roger Federer (4), Switzerland, def. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, 6-3, 6-0.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Mardy Fish (8), U.S., 7-6 (4), 6-1.
Standings: x-Federer 2-0 (4-1), Tsonga 1-1 (3-2), Nadal 1-1 (2-3), Fish 0-2 (1-4).
Group A
Standings: Ferrer 1-0 (2-0), Djokovic 1-0 (2-1), Berdych 0-1 (1-2), y-Murray 0-1 (0-2), a-Tipsarevic 0-0 (0-0).
DOUBLES
Group B
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (3), Toronto,** def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (8), Poland, 6-4, 6-3.
Standings: x-Mirnyi-**Nestor 2-0 (4-1)**, Llodra-Zimonjic 1-1 (3-2), Fyrstenberg-Matkowski 1-1 (2-3), Bopanna-Qureshi 0-2 (1-4).
Group A
Standings: Lindstedt-Tecau 1-0 (2-0), Bryan-Bryan 1-0 (2-1), Melzer-Petzschner 0-1 (1-2), Bhupathi-Paes 0-1 (0-2).

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	293	203
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0	.500	228	217
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	237	253
Miami	3	7	0	.300	193	186

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	3	0	.700	273	166
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	195
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	125	180
Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	131	300

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	256	176
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	220	179
Cincinnati	6	4	0	.600	236	195
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	145	193

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	6	4	0	.600	235	254
Denver	5	5	0	.500	205	247
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	236	259
Kansas City	4	6	0	.400	144	252

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	4	0	.600	250	206
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	228	228
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	237	213
Washington	3	7	0	.300	160	205

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	3	0	.700	313	228
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	235	213
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	182	268
Carolina	2	8	0	.200	225	286

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	10	0	0	1.000	355	212
Detroit	7	3	0	.700	301	219
Chicago	7	3	0	.700	268	207
Minnesota	2	8	0	.200	200	271

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	9	1	0	.900	256	145
Seattle	4	6	0	.400	168	209
Arizona	3	7	0	.300	190	236
St. Louis	2	8	0	.200	120	247

Monday's result
New England 34, Kansas City 3
WEEK 12
Tomorrow's games
All times Eastern
Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Arizona at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 28
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX — Promoted Mike Hazen and Brian O'Halloran to vice-president/assistant general manager; David Finley to director of player personnel; Zack Scott to director of major league operations, Raquel Ferreira to senior director of minor league operations; Ben Crockett to director of player development; Jared Porter to director of professional scouting; Eddie Romero to director of international scouting; and Galen Carr to special assignment scout. Named Allard Baird vice-president of player personnel, Bob McClure special assignment scout/instructor and David Keller professional scout. Extended the contract of amateur scouting director Amiel Sawdaye.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joe Nathan on a two-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Dave Jauss major league scout; Gary Robinson, Alvin Rittman, Jim Dedrick and Rob Guzik pro scouts; Juan Mercado Latin American scouting supervisor; Victor Santana area scouting supervisor for the Dominican Republic; Jim Asher amateur scouting co-ordinator; Greg Schilz North Regional scouting supervisor; Matt Ruebel national amateur scouting supervisor; and SeanHeffernan, Brian Selman and Mike Sansoe area amateur scouting supervisors.

FOOTBALL

NFL

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed CB Terrence McGee and WR Donald Jones on injured reserve. Signed WR Kamar Aiken from the practice squad. Signed WR Derek Hagan. Signed DB Prince Miller to the practice squad. Re-signed G Keith Williams to the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LS Jake Laptad to a three-year contract. Signed OT Josh Davis and CB Joshua Moore to the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Released CB Walter McFadden from the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Waived QB Kyle Orton.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed RB Evan Royster from the practice squad. Signed RB Tristan Davis to the practice squad. released RB Tashard Choice.

HOCKEY

NHL

DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned F Fabian Brunnstrom to Grand Rapids (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES — Re-signed C Kyle Turris to a multi-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Signed D Stuart Percy to a three-year, entry-level contract.

AHL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Connecticut C Kris Newbury four games, Springfield LW Dane Byers two games and Providence C Zach Hamill one game for their actions during games last week.
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Signed G Dov Grumet-Morris.

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Engine

Under the hood is an inline six-cylinder engine that delivers 325 horsepower and 345 pound-feet of torque. That's up 25 horsepower over the S60's standard six-cylinder turbo engine, which was the only engine available for the 2011 model year.

Also joining the lineup for 2012 is a new T5 base model with a 250-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder turbo engine. Unlike the 3.0, which is mated to an all-wheel-drive system, the 2.5 comes only as a front-wheel-driver.

0-to-100 km/h

According to Volvo, the R-Design will achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time in about 5.5 seconds, quicker by 0.3 than the now mid-range S60 T6. By comparison, the 333-horsepower Audi S4 is about a half-second quicker still, if that helps put things in perspective.

A six-speed "Geartronic" automatic transmission directs the power to the front (T5) or all four wheels, which is the case with both T6 models.

Fashion statement

The easiest way to tell the T6 AWD R-Design from the rest of the line is by its blacked-out grille, lower chin spoiler and rear lower-body diffuser that's sandwiched between the twin exhaust pipes. A set of 18-inch "Ixion" alloy wheels makes a unique fashion statement.

The only R-Design logo you'll find is located in the grille area, which is a very subtle and elegant touch.

▶ The R-Design is largely a styling package with an additional 25 horsepower and some matching suspension tuning. The brakes are the same size as what you'll find on the lesser T6-AWD. The R-Design lists at $51,400, which is about $4,850 more than a T6 and more than $12,000 above the price of the base S60.

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It has delivered on that promise, but in a surprise move, the automaker is also marketing a more aggressive-looking — and acting — performance version.

The T6 AWD R-Design is an extension of the same car that has gone further than just about any previous Volvo model since the 1960s P1800 coupe at removing Volvo's boxy stigma.

For the R-Design, the front and rear end have been remodelled while leaving the surrounding sheetmetal mostly untouched.

The R-Design adds a more muscular dimension to what is one of Volvo's more popular models.

It's also one that can satisfy both the heart and the head of just about any driver.

S60 R-Design

What you should know about the 2012 Volvo S60 T6 AWD R-Design:

- **Types:** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.0-litre DOHC I6, turbocharged (325).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic with paddle-shift.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 11.3/7.7.

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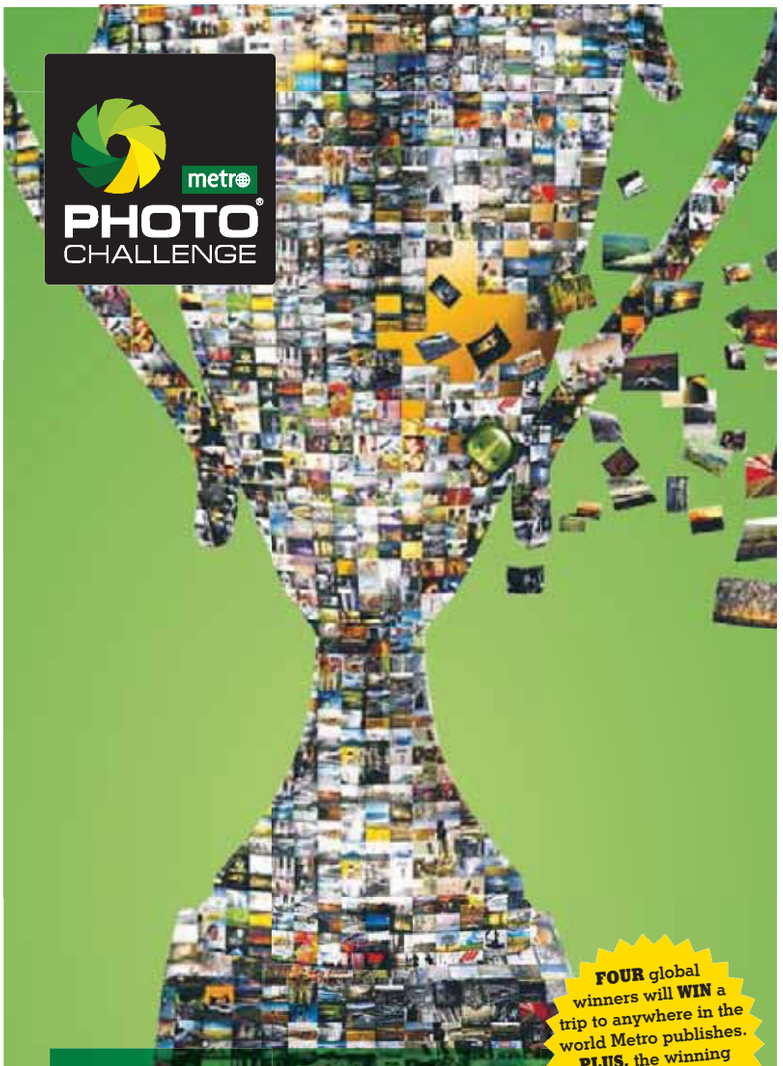

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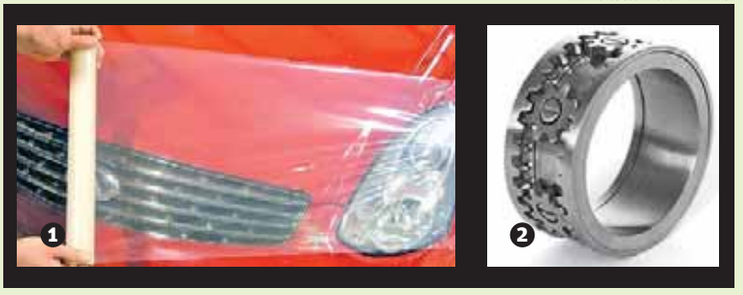

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Road trips and even short trips with a classic car to the show across town can lead to unwanted bug splatter and stone chips. Providing temporary protection is Road Wrap, which is a disposable, self-adhering, clear polyethylene film that sticks to your vehicle as if you were wrapping up leftover food.

The 45-centimetre-wide roll serves up 30 metres of Road Wrap that can be cut to the exact size you need. In fact, each roll includes a small cutting blade for trimming around headlights and grille openings.

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2

A ring with moving parts is sort of a rarity, but it's just the sort of gift that any mechanically-inclined car buff would love to wear.

Creator Glen Liberman from New York City teamed up with "kinetic designer" Ben Hopson to create the Gear Ring, which is a fascinating piece of stainless steel-finger jewelry complete with precision-made miniature gears that revolve in unison when the outer rings are turned (perfect for people who always need something to fiddle with).

The Gear Ring is available in 10 standard sizes (a chart in PDF format can be downloaded from the company's website) and can be shipped worldwide for $165 US.

To watch the video or to order, log on to kinektdesign.com.

3

The Vector AirPro Cordless Air Compressor looks and operates somewhat like a cordless drill, especially with its built-in rechargeable 12-volt battery pack.

But it's actually an emergency tire inflator that can pressurize to 120 pounds per square inch (p.s.i.) with a detachable 40-centimetre-long air hose. Its twin light emitting diodes (LEDs) will let you clearly see what you need to inflate, even in the dead of night.

There's an illuminated pressure dial built into the back of the unit, plus various nozzle adapters included for inflating air mattresses, footballs, soccer balls, etc.

The AirPro retails for about $70 US and can be purchased through a number of online stores, including amazon.com.

4

A full-size air compressor from your garage would be handy to have along for the ride in the back of your pick-up truck. You could inflate tires, run an "air locker" off-road differential and even use pneumatic tools, but you would need a wall socket and a very, very, very long extension, right?

Well, ViAir Corporation sells several models of 12-volt travel air compressors with pressure all the way up to 200 pounds per square inch (p.s.i.) and tank capacities of up to eight litres (most of the inexpensive 12-volt compressors on the market have no storage tank, which is essential for using tools or any task where a burst of high-pressure air is needed). viaircorp.com. **WHEELBASE**

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NEWS CANADA

▶ Are you ready for winter?

Hot tips for getting the most out of your vehicle in the cold weather

You love your car and want it to look and perform at its best, but Canadian winters can create challenges for keeping it in top shape

Here are a few tips to safeguard your vehicle from the rough weather

Inspection/ Maintenance

Routine maintenance is a must for vehicle longevity, but before any long journey in the cold weather, it's even more important to have your vehicle inspected by a professional mechanic. Brake pads, tires, belts and hoses should be inspected for wear and proper operation, and fluids should be checked and topped off.

Tire Swap

Snow tires have deeper grooves that provide significantly more traction than all season tires, making them capable of stopping your car faster than all-season tires. In addition, the colder weather and rolling resistance caused by snow and slush can decrease air pressure in tires. After you switch to your winter tires, ensure that the pressure is optimal, and re-check the pressure regularly, especially after a sharp drop in temperature. Each tire that is underinflated by 2 psi (14 kPa) causes a 1 per cent increase in fuel consumption.

High-Quality Gasoline

It's important to note that a 'high octane' number doesn't necessarily ensure the gasoline is 'high-quality'. "For vehicles whose manufacturers recommend or require the higher octane associated with a premium gasoline, ensuring you buy a high-quality fuel can make a difference. For example, Shell V-Power Premium Gasoline is designed to clean and protect your engine from performance-robbing gunk that lower quality gasolines can leave behind, providing maximum protection for optimum performance," explains Ken Mitchell, an engineer at Shell.

Cold Starts vs. Idling

You may believe that you're doing the best for your vehicle by allowing it to 'warm up' in the cold weather with a few minutes of idling. In fact, more than just the engine needs to be warmed up and this can only happen if the vehicle is moving. For an average vehicle, it takes about five kilometres of driving to warm up the engine as well as the wheel bearings, steering, suspension, transmission and tires. **NEWS CANADA**

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Chrysler 300 loved for affordable luxury

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The latest Chrysler 300 left a huge mark on the market with handsome and classical styling when it hit Canadian roads some years ago — and it's been selling strong ever since.

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2005 to 2010 Chrysler 300

Engines

Standard was a 3.5-litre V-6 with 250 horsepower. A 5.7-litre HEMI V-8 could be fitted with 340 horsepower. That figure climbed slightly towards the end of the generation. All-wheel drive was available with either engine.

What owners like

The 300's styling, available V-8 power, honest pricing and comfort levels attracted many shoppers to showrooms — while a plush ride, easy-to-use cabin and overall value sealed the deal.

What owners dislike

Common gripes included slippery handling on snow and ice (proper tires will help a lot here), sub-par gas mileage with either engine, and limited visibility.

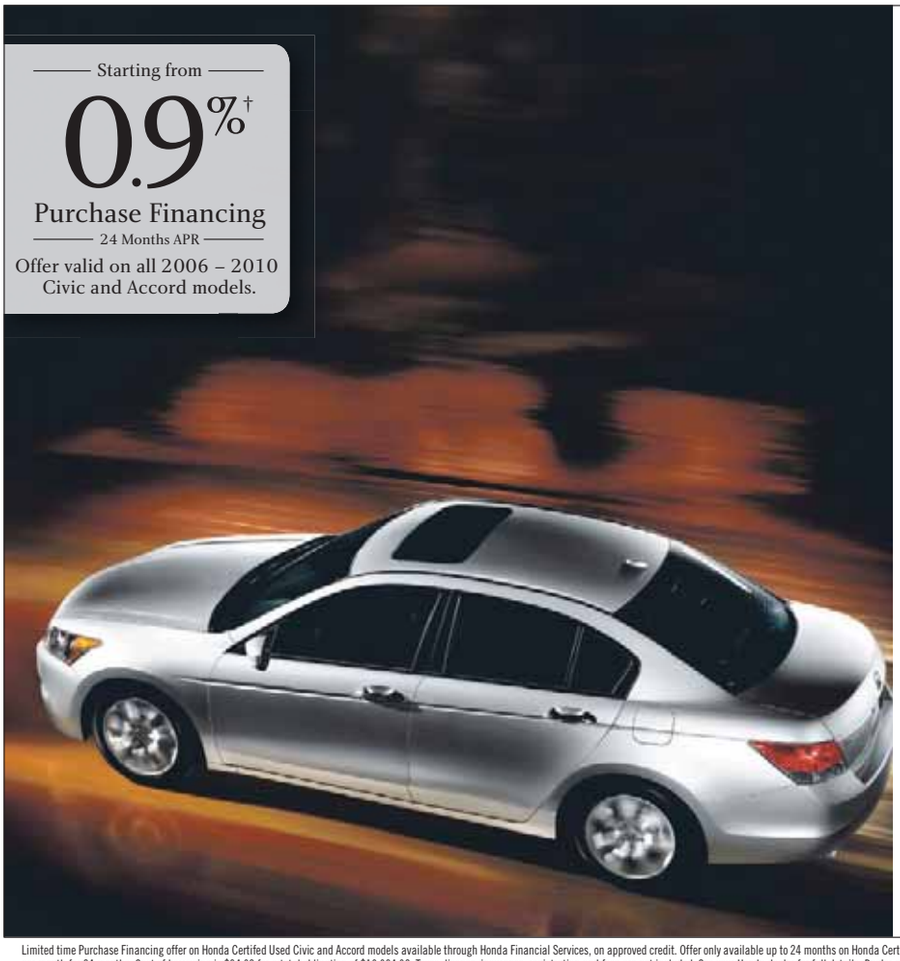
Common issues

Powertrain problems are more likely to be electronics-related than mechanical in nature. Ensure no warning lights are illuminated, the engine runs smoothly, and all instruments work as expected. A "scan" of the 300's computer system is also suggested ahead of your purchase.

Have the underside of your potential used 300 checked for leaks, especially around the transmission and transfer case (if equipped with AWD).

Verdict

At the end of the day, lower-than-average resale values, high-class styling and available HEMI performance should make the Chrysler 300 a popular choice with budget-minded performance and luxury enthusiasts.



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The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show is a meeting of buyers and sellers of aftermarket auto parts and accessories from around the globe. Together, they determine what you'll find on store shelves until the next SEMA show arrives in November of 2012 to begin the process all over again.

Everything automotive is on the table, from shiny trim parts and running boards to reproduction 1965 Mustang bodies and diamond-studded wheels worth a quarter-million each.

Just the brand new parts alone number about 2,000 and what better way to show those parts than to have hundreds of show vehicles wearing them.

Members of the press get to crash this party, which takes place in and around the 3.2-million-square-foot Las Vegas convention Center, while the public is left to wonder what the fuss is all about.

Well, this is what the fuss is all about.

▶ At the Ford display was this replacement "part." That's right, you can buy a complete 1965 Mustang convertible body, including floors and firewall.

Hottest trends

Larger (up to 30 inches in diameter, in some cases) and fancier wheels continue to dominate SEMA. Black-finished wheels remain popular, but chrome and polished aluminum pieces remain in vogue.

Also taking root are matte-finish paint schemes that lack any gloss.

Mercedes-Benz, BMW and other high-end vehicles even charge extra for this primer-paint effect.

Related to this movement are hot rods and older collector cars that have been deliberately left in their natural "barn find" patina, instead of being restored to better-than-new condition. The automotive coatings industry can't be all that crazy about this movement and is likely hoping it never really catches on.

But perhaps the most significant trend of all is the growth in retro-styled bodies. You can now build fairly exact replicas of first-generation Mustang and Camaros, along with 1955-'57 Chevrolets and 1940s-era Ford and Lincoln coupes.

One company even makes a very cool reproduction of a Corvette Nomad concept that was the hit of General Motors' 1954 Motorama show.

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▶ What better way to show off parts and accessories than to bring along show cars that they look good on. SEMA, quite literally, has thousands of them.

Automobile manufacturer displays

Automakers are increasingly embracing the SEMA show as a venue to demonstrate how their latest models can be modified with aftermarket performance parts, high-tech accessories and trick colour schemes. Some even use this event to launch their upcoming latest and greatest models, knowing that the press will provide them with millions of dollars worth of publicity for free.

This year, GM, in celebration of Chevrolet's 100th anniversary, featured its new Sonic small car in various tricked-out guises, along with two interesting versions of the Chevrolet Camaro: a retro-influenced COPO (Central Office Purchase Order) drag racer available later in 2012; and a full-scale Hot Wheels concept painted and decorated like Mattel's popular toy car.

Most popular vehicles

SEMA's organizers presented awards to the Fiat 500, Ford F-150 pickup, Jeep Wrangler and Chevrolet Camaro as "Hottest" in their respective classes, but the Camaro is our official real star of the show. Both coupes and convertibles proved highly popular as demonstration platforms (where did the Mustangs go this year?) for a wide variety of new-product add-ons, while the Jeep Wrangler remained popular as a truck/sport ute product canvass.

Honourable mentions go to the Nissan GT-R, plus assorted Porsches, Ferraris and Lamborghinis that always provide excellent eye candy for numerous accessory manufacturers.

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COMPACT SUV TITLE FIGHT TO TAKE INTRIGUING TURN

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A major auto show like last week's clam bake at Los Angeles will always bring out the crowd-pulling attractions, like fantastical concepts, rocket-launcher sport machines, and uber-luxury land yachts.

But we're not going to discuss any of them. Well, at least not today.

Because one of the most compelling story lines to emerge from the show concerns two nameplates with more working class roots — Ford Escape and Honda CR-V.

Both Escape and CR-V debuted in their next-generation finery at Los Angeles, and both are huge sellers, which sets up a doozy battle for segment supremacy in 2012.

Escape is actually the top selling SUV in North America and has dominated the Canadian compact crossover sales segment for years, with its combination of keen pricing, roomy confines, and rugged, good looks.

Honda CR-V is a perennial top-three contender, currently just behind Hyundai Santa Fe (YTD), and has always impressed with a refined and efficient engine, easy handling, reliability, and not-going-to-bug-anybody looks.

Numbers

October 2011 Compact SUV Sales:

- **Ford Escape** 3,313
- **Honda CR-V** 2,679
- **Hyundai Santa Fe** 1,944
- **Toyota RAV4** 1,935
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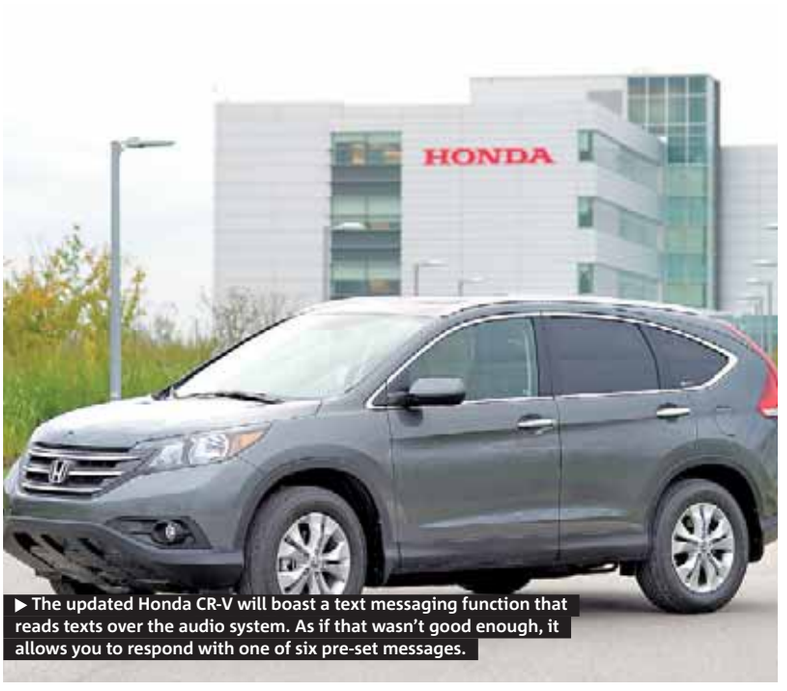
▶ The new Ford Escape has a feature that allows you to open the tailgate with a kicking motion.



▶ The updated Honda CR-V will boast a text messaging function that reads texts over the audio system. As if that wasn't good enough, it allows you to respond with one of six pre-set messages.

When the new versions get to battle, it will be more about style and technology.

The Escape's new style eschews its previous, traditional SUV profile, for one that's sleeker and more like others in its segment.

The shape is about 10 per cent more aerodynamic.

And here's a partial list of some of its new technologies: a tailgate that can open with a "kicking motion" from your foot; a 4WD system that can slow the vehicle when cornering too fast; your choice of two direct-injection, turbocharged powerplants (2.0-litre and 1.6-litre EcoBoosts), and an updated version of the current 2.5-litre; and second-generation MyFord Touch.

The 2012 Honda CR-V will move away from the "quasi minivan" look, and gets a more muscled and sporty vibe. Its new AWD system is more able to precisely figure out traction requirements and how to mix the torque between the four wheels. The sole powertrain is the highly-evolved Honda 2.4-litre i-VTEC "four" and a 5-speed automatic tranny.

Interesting new CR-V developments include: Eco Assist, which teaches you to drive "greener"; ECON Mode, which alters the powertrain in a more green way; standard Bluetooth hands-free interface; rearview camera with top view; satellite-linked navigation system with bilingual voice recognition; and a SMS text messaging function, which can read texts over the audio system, and allow drivers to respond with one of six pre-set text messages.

New CR-V production starts early in 2012 at Honda's plant in Alliston, Ont.

The 2013 Escape will arrive a bit later, in the spring.

By the end of the 2012 we'll definitely see who made the most of their new interpretations.

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It will haul something other than your groceries

Yes, it's a wagon. But it's of the Cadillac CTS-V variety Don't get it twisted

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Left-lane lingerers beware: the Cadillac CTS-V is coming to get you, and in a big hurry.

A recent 800-kilometre combination freeway/two-lane drive proved that a CTS-V travelling, shall we say, at full-on passing velocity, is capable of moving anyone, and especially terminally inattentive left-lane bandits, out of the way.

In fact, it's doubtful that even a lights-a-blazin' cop car could have cut such an instantaneous swath.

That's just one of the joys associated with piloting the CTS-V wagon, one of a trio of performance-upgraded Cadillac CTS models, including sedan and coupe editions, to proudly wear a multi-coloured "V" symbol across its flanks and keister.

Along with an admittedly rapid closing speed, some credit for the traffic-clearing effect goes to the V's apparently intimidating wire-mesh-look grille and massive lower air intake/spoiler. These elements — common to the coupe and sedan — blend perfectly with the rest of the wagon's knife-edge styling. There's absolutely no impression that the extended roofline was tacked on as an afterthought. It appears to be designed with purpose, just like the interior.

The test car was equipped with optional multi-adjustable Recaro-brand ventilated buckets upholstered in high-end leather and suede. They fit like a glove, thanks to adjustable pneumatic bolsters inside the seat cushions and backrests that allow for dialing in just-right firmness. The test vehicle was also equipped with an available suede-wrapped steering wheel that looked great and exhibited plenty of non-sweaty grip.

The rear seat was also nicely turned out, but it required some contortionist moves for adult-sized pas-

CTS-V Wagon

What you should know about the 2012 Cadillac CTS-V Sport Wagon:

- **Type:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive mid-size wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 6.2-litre OHV V-8, supercharged (556).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic.
- **Market position:** Most wagons offer greater versatility and practicality than sedans, but come up short on the "wow" factor. In the case of the CTS-V wagon, the exact opposite is true. But, this isn't really much of a wagon.
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▶ While thinking "at least it's practical" to convince yourself that this is money well spent, the fact is the wagon isn't much of a wagon. But rationalizing the purchase based on style, emotion and adrenaline makes good sense to us, just the same. It's a car you'll love and that's worth the price.

sengers to enter and exit.

One shortcoming is evident behind the rear seat, where cargo space isn't what it appears. Cadillac claims that the wagon offers about double the trunk room found in a CTS sedan. However the combination of the a sloping roof and higher-than-average load floor limits the size and shape of bulky items that can be placed there without blocking the rear view. Fortunately, the split-folding rear seat helps compensate for this shortfall and the huge power-operated liftgate makes cargo access a snap.

Thoughts of practicality are quickly replaced with an adrenaline rush (which always wins out) once the V's Corvette ZR1-based 6.2-litre supercharged V-8 crackles to life. Barely noticeable at low speeds, actually, the V provides a power-to-weight ration never before seen in Cadillac's 110-year history.

The ZR1 version makes 638 horsepower, but the output in the V is a not-too-shabby 556 horsepower and 551 pound-feet of torque and almost succeeds at making this CTS think it actually is a Corvette.

It's not just the head-pinning straight-line acceleration that's worth talking about.

The adjustable (Tour and Sport) Magnetic Ride system constantly adjusts shock damping that results in impressive control over a variety of surfaces and also keeps the wagon tracking true and flat in the turns.

Also unforgettable are the massive Brembo-brand brakes that haul the 1,920-kilogram wagon to a stop as if it had twin parachutes.

The test car arrived with the optional six-speed automatic transmission, but, as with all CTS-V cars, a six-speed manual gearbox can be specified.

The "base" CTS-V wagon clocks in at about $76,200 delivered, but the loaded-up test model brought the total north of $84,000.

But, believe it or not, that's pretty reasonable given its Superman-like performance, eye-turning shape and ability to provide you the deed to the left lane.

3 BY COMPARISON

BMW X5 M

- Base price: $100,300
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Grand Cherokee SRT8

- Base price: $58,500
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Mercedes-Benz E63 AMG

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Once just a possibility, electric vehicles are now making their way to market. But just because you can buy a battery-powered car like the Nissan Leaf or Chevrolet Volt, don't expect to simply bring it home and plug it in.

"It's not viable to plug it into an extension cord out the window," says Kevin McIntyre, marketing account manager for Eaton, which manufactures vehicle charging stations.

"The cars draw an awful lot of power. These run steady once they're charging and you want to run them off a dedicated circuit if you can."

Simply plugging an electric vehicle into a standard wall outlet will take anywhere from 12 to 16 hours to charge, McIntyre says.

"When you install a residential home charging station, it cuts it down to four to six hours. You're connecting to 220 volts versus 110 volts."

That higher voltage is similar to what a clothes dryer or oven uses, but those appliances draw power sporadically, turning the heating element on and off as needed.

"The difference is (the car) is a continuous load, so we oversize the protection and the wire that feeds it," McIntyre says.

"You're drawing maximum load. If it's not done safely, you can have short circuits, start tripping breakers, and potentially have a fire if you don't have (electrical) current protection."

Even if you're willing to take longer to charge your car, it should still be plugged into a dedicated circuit, which will prevent "nuisance tripping" of breakers when other electrical items in the house draw power.

Before installing a charger, Eaton's contractors assess the house to see if its electrical system can handle the load, "preferably before you buy the car just to make sure you can charge it," McIntyre says.

For a house with 200-amp service, an installed charger is approximately $2,000. Fast-charge, direct-current (DC) chargers can top up a depleted battery to 80 per cent in about half an hour and can provide enough power for 50 km of driving in about 10 minutes, but at around $75,000, they're primarily intended for commercial use.

Charging facts

- Electric cars and AC charging stations are standardized, and so just like fuel pump nozzles on gasoline-powered cars, every charging connector in North America fits the outlet on every electric vehicle. No matter what charging station you buy, it will charge your car.
- DC fast-chargers are not yet standardized, and engineers are working to draw up standards so they will fit every car as well.

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▶ A Nissan Leaf is pictured while plugged into a charging station.

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Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada hosted a celebration in the southwestern Ontario city of Cambridge, where the company began its Canadian operations in 1986.

At the time, the company estimated it would have 1,000 workers and produce 50,000 cars a year. Today, the automaker operates three plants in Ontario and employs about 6,500 workers.

Last year, it built more than 458,000 Toyota and Lexus vehicles at plants in Cambridge and nearby Woodstock.

"(Toyota Motor Manufacturing) has become one of Toyota's largest, most successful manufacturing operations in the world," Toyota Corp. president Akio Toyoda said at the ceremony, attended by federal, provincial and local officials.

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▶ Toyota Corp. president Akio Toyoda.

"It has done so by consistently exceeding expectations."

Ontario has seen traditional Detroit Three carmakers — GM, Ford and Chrysler — cut tens of thousands of jobs in the last decade as their parent companies restructured in the United States. But Toyota and Honda have expanded their operations in Ontario, Canada's manufacturing heartland.

"Toyota is an essential part of Ontario's auto industry, and a big reason why the province continues to be the leading jurisdiction in North America for vehicle assembly," said Brad Duguid, Ontario's Minister of Economic Development and Innovation.

Still those companies have faced problems in Asia, where the March earthquake and tsunami and the recent massive flooding in Thailand have cut parts supplies and slowed down their global output, even in Canada.

On Thursday, a ceremony in Blue Springs, Miss. formally marked the recent start of production, almost five years after Toyota announced it would build a new plant in the tiny town in the sparsely populated hills of north Mississippi.

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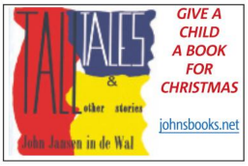

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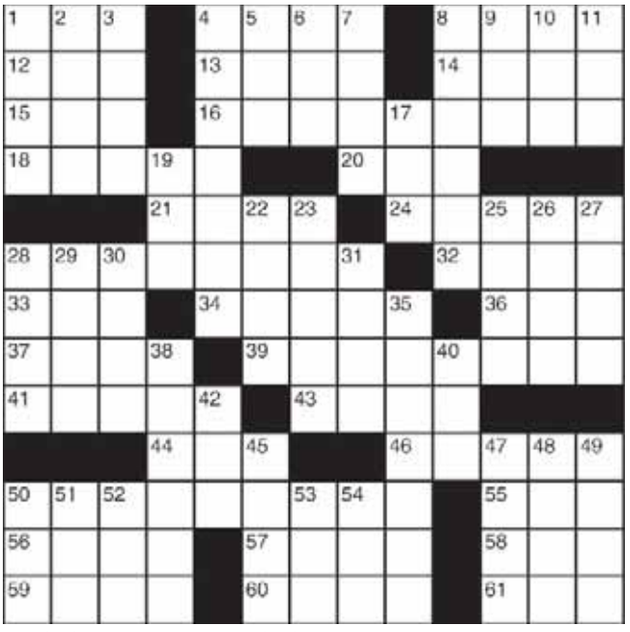

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40 Pistol
42 Luau side dish
45 Not many
47 Concept
48 Sans siblings
49 Appellation
50 "— Miniver"
51 Reaction to fireworks
52 Carnival city
53 Altar affirmative
54 Id counterpart

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

9			8					
1		5		2	4			7
	2	8	9					
						4	8	
8		7				6		5
	1	3						
					6	7	2	
2			4	3		1		9
					5			8

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

8	4	1	3	6	2	5	9	7
5	3	9	4	7	1	8	6	2
6	2	7	9	5	8	1	3	4
7	5	3	8	4	6	2	1	9
9	6	8	1	2	7	3	4	5
2	1	4	5	9	3	7	8	6
4	8	6	7	3	5	9	2	1
3	7	2	6	1	9	4	5	8
1	9	5	2	8	4	6	7	3

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You sometimes find it hard to change course when the situation demands it, but today you will do whatever is necessary to get out of the hole you find yourself in.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may have to be ruthless with someone you have dealings with today, especially if they have been wasting your time on trivialities.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you start the week in a positive frame of mind you will find it easier to deal with what happens around the time of Friday's eclipse.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What the planets are trying to tell you is that you have been pushing yourself too hard.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Set your own targets and make your own rules.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Family affairs have been a bit difficult of late, but you will soon get the chance to put things right.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The approaching solar eclipse will make getting through to other people very easy indeed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Keep your spending to a minimum.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Strive to have fun.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You cannot be bothered with trivialities. It's the big questions that excite you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Reach out and make contact with someone who appears to be different.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You will be under a lot of pressure today, but there is no doubt at all that you can handle it, so don't panic

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